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COUNT

**THE PHANTOM
OF THE OPRY**

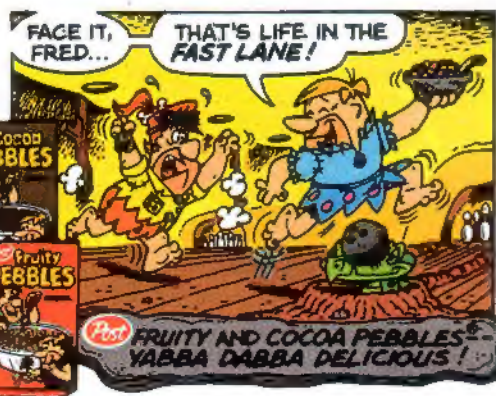
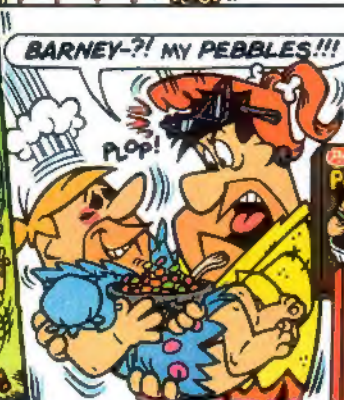
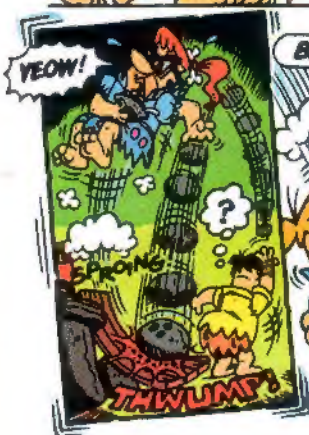
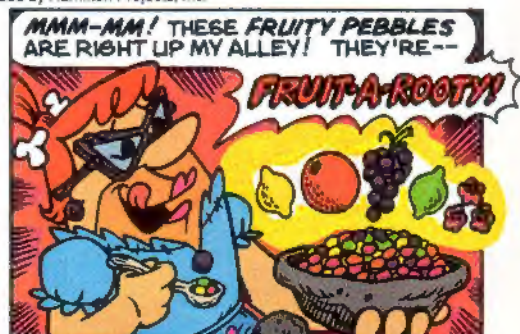
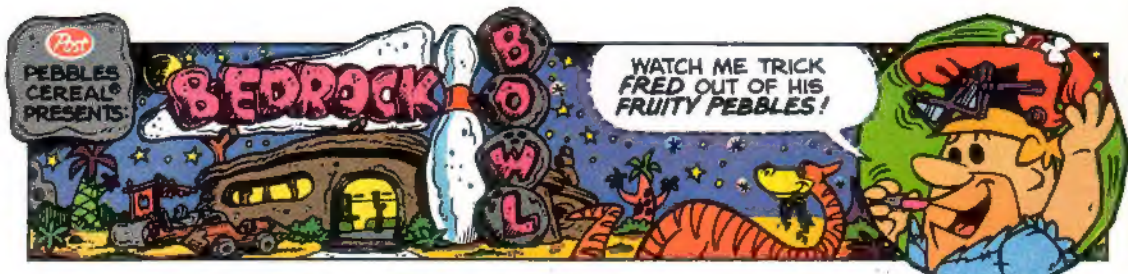
NO ONE ZANIER IN TRANSYLVANIA!

**AT
LAST! MY
CHANCE TO
BECOME A
BIG STAR!**

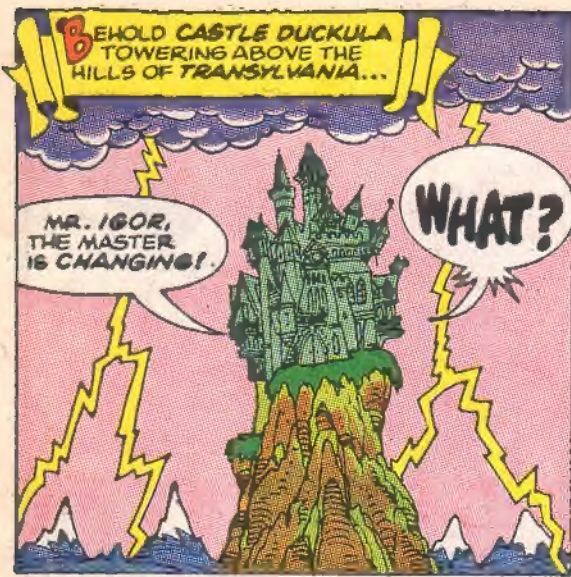
**NOT IF
I CAN
HELP
IT!**



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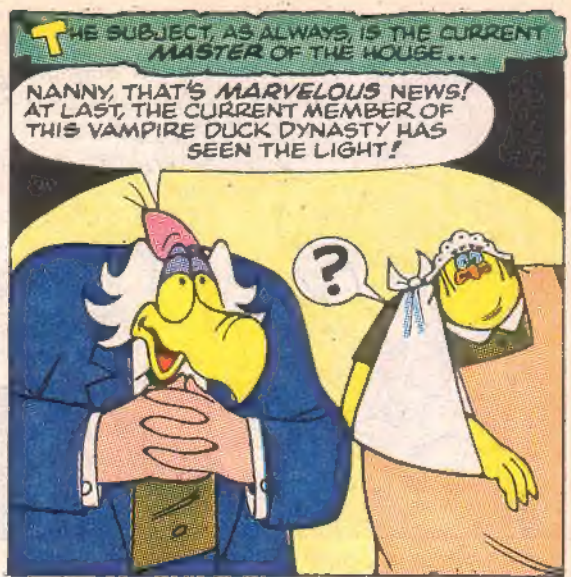
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BEHOLD CASTLE DUCKULA
TOWERING ABOVE THE
HILLS OF TRANSYLVANIA...

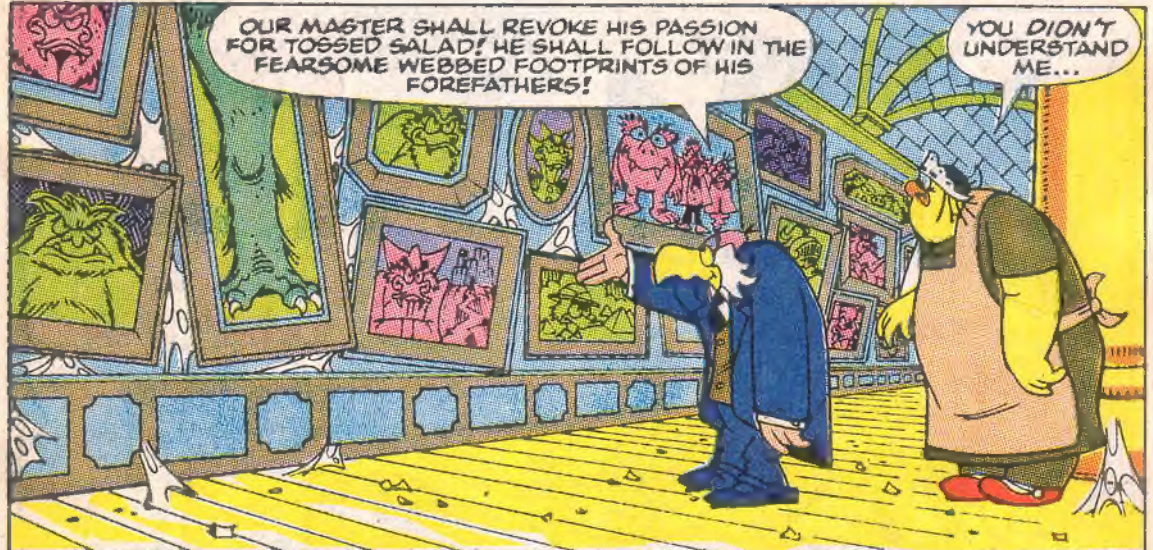
MR. IGOR,
THE MASTER
IS CHANGING!

WHAT?



THE SUBJECT, AS ALWAYS, IS THE CURRENT
MASTER OF THE HOUSE...

NANNY, THAT'S MARVELOUS NEWS!
AT LAST, THE CURRENT MEMBER OF
THIS VAMPIRE DUCK DYNASTY HAS
SEEN THE LIGHT!



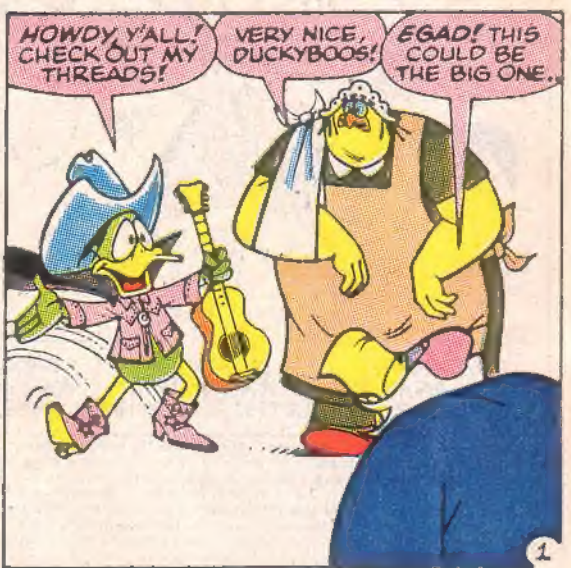
OUR MASTER SHALL REVOKE HIS PASSION
FOR TOSSED SALAD! HE SHALL FOLLOW IN THE
FEARSOME WEBBED FOOTPRINTS OF HIS
FOREFATHERS!

YOU DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND
ME...



I DID INDEED, NANNY...YOU WERE
MOST ELOQUENT 'CHUCKLES' THE
EVIL WE'LL PERFORM!!

I MEANT THAT HE WAS
CHANGING HIS CLOTHES
FROM THESE TO...



HOWDY Y'ALL!
CHECK OUT MY
THREADS!

VERY NICE,
DUCKYBOOS!

EGAD! THIS
COULD BE
THE BIG ONE..

SIT DOWN, IGOR...
I'LL PLAY MY NEW
SONG FOR YOU!...

WELL I'M SUPPOSED TO BE
THE SCARIEST BIRD IN
THIS NATION...BUT A FOWL-UP
OCCURRED DURING MY
REINCARNATION! *

OH,
NOOOO!

* DETAILS IN COUNT DUCKULA #1.-- Editor

SOME SAY I'VE HAD MY FAIR SHARE
OF BAD LUCK...OOO-LA...BUT
I CAN TAKE IT AN' YOU
CAN CALL ME....

COUNT DUCKULA

• STAR-comics presentation

TAKE IT AWAY, IGOR!!

OHHHHH...
MUST I,
SIR!

IN the Phantom of the GRAND OLE OPRY

OOPS!

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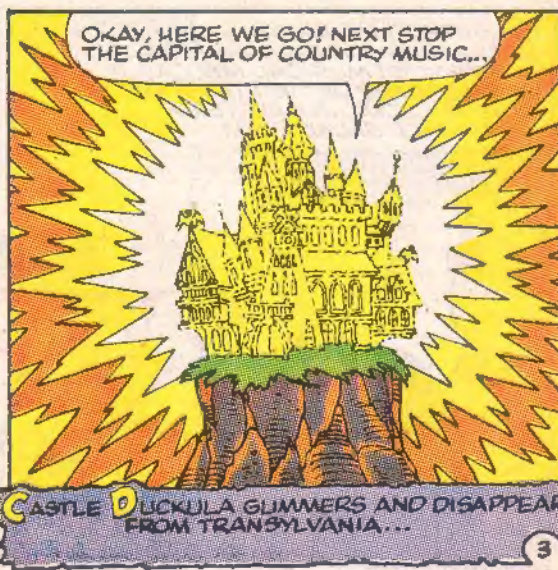
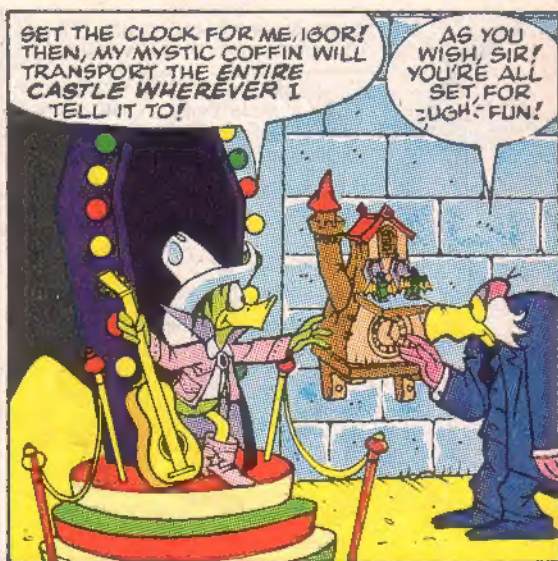
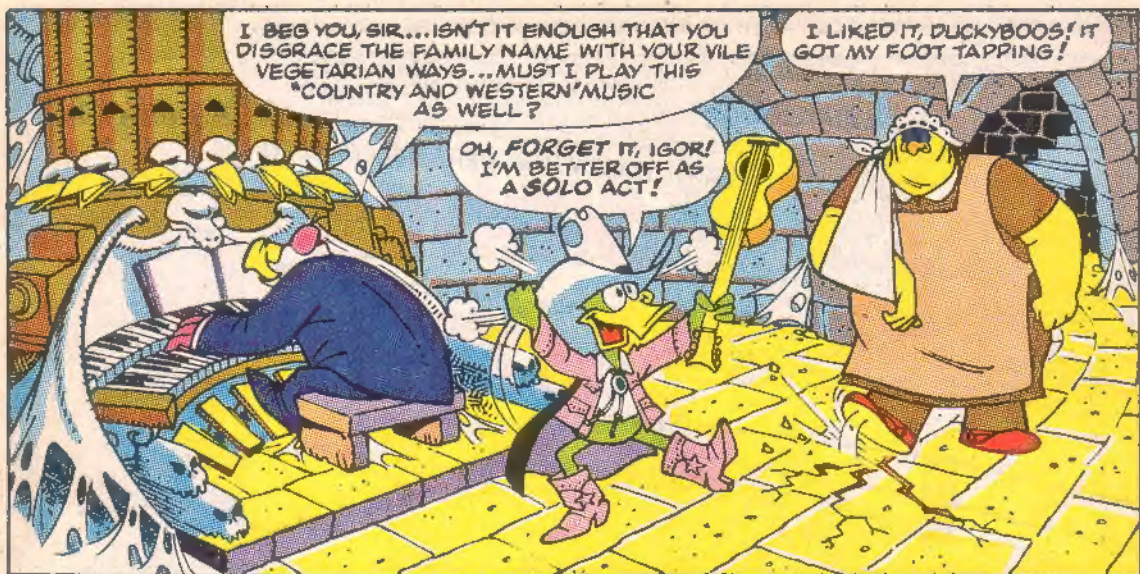
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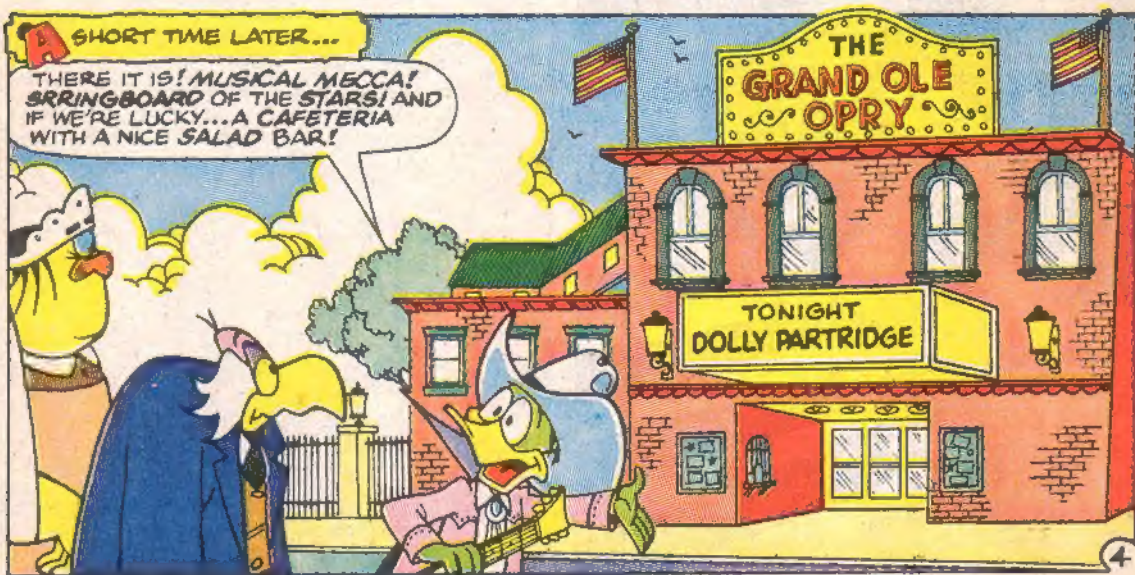
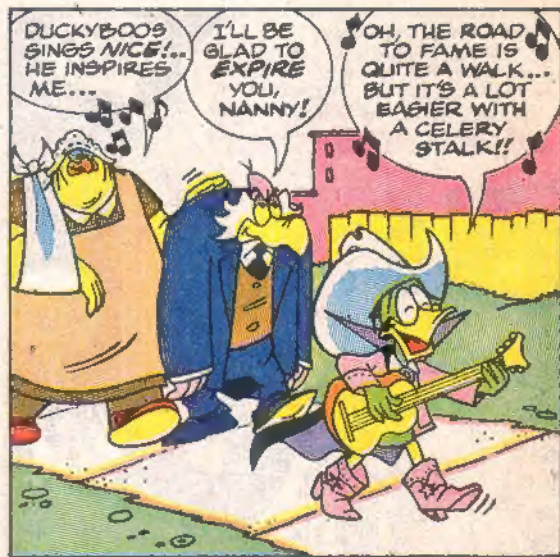
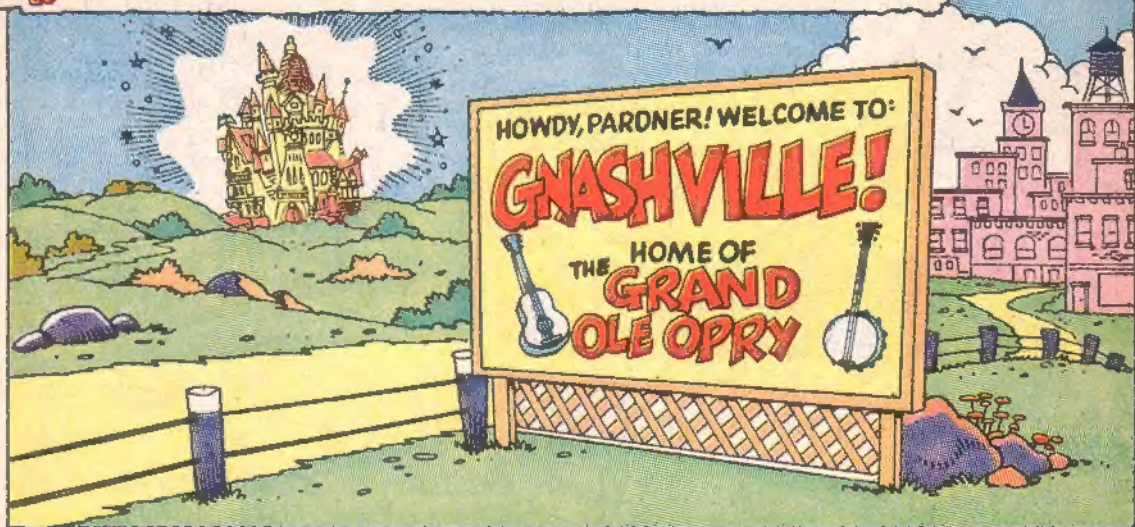
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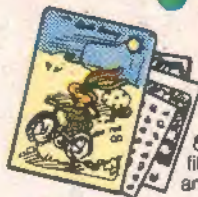


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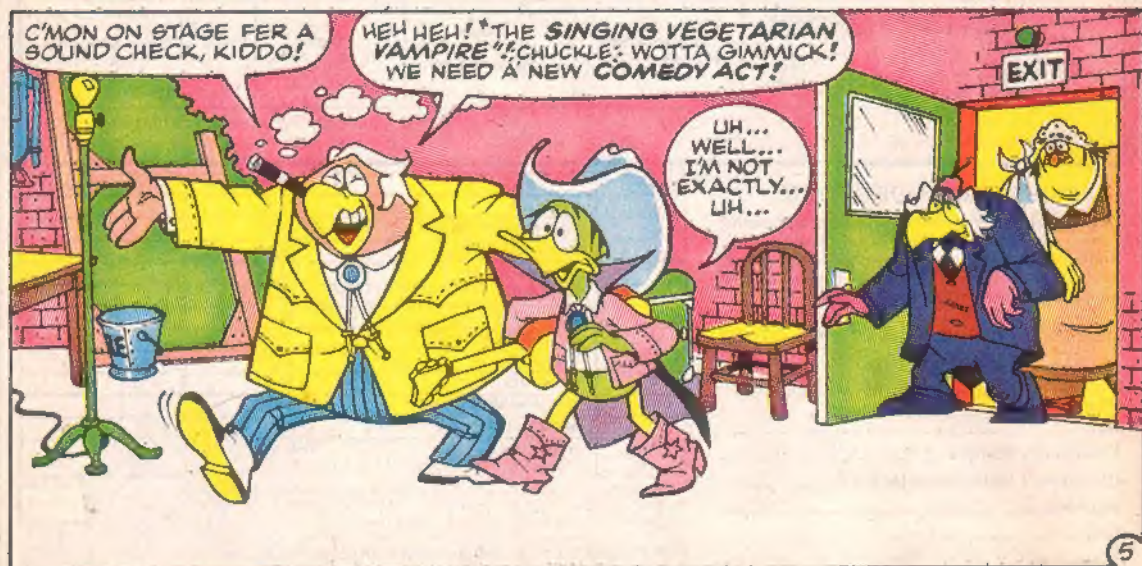
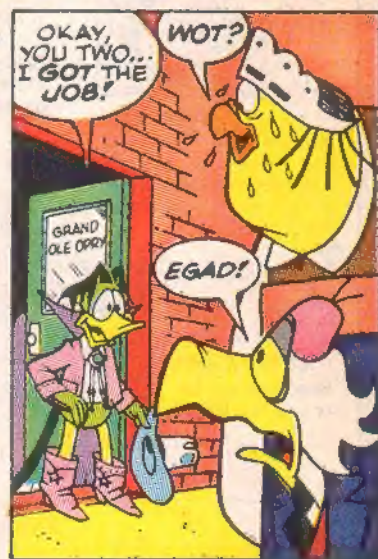
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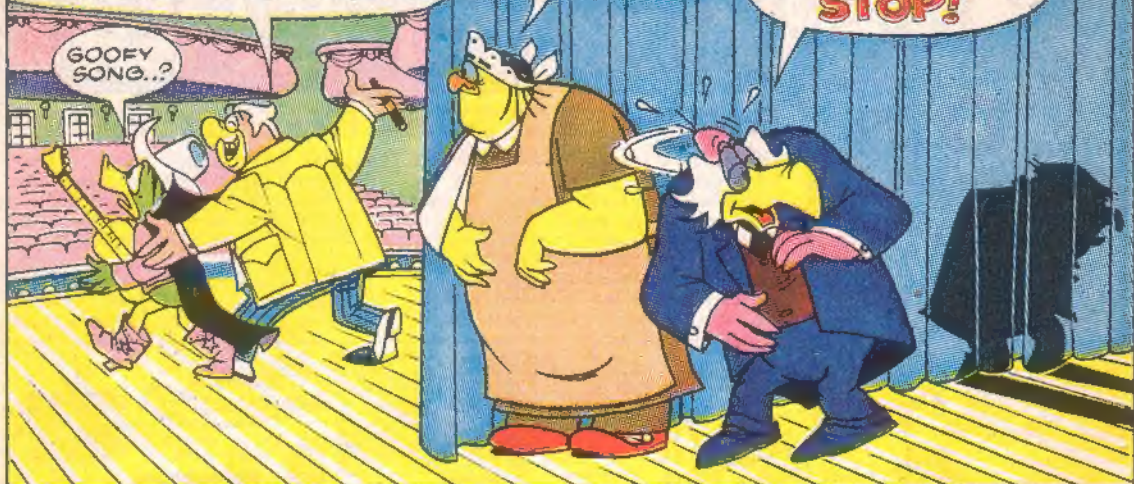


DON'T INTERRUPT ME, SON!
YOU'LL COME OUT...TELL A FEW
JOKE S...SING THAT GOOFY SONG...

ISN'T THIS EXCITING,
MR. IGOR?

YES, QUITE, NA... I SAY
ISN'T THAT-**YOU!**
STOP!

GOOFY
SONG...?

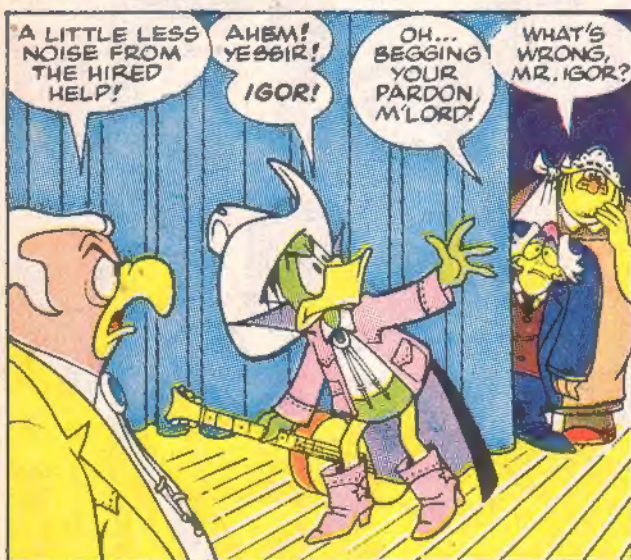


A LITTLE LESS
NOISE FROM
THE HIRED
HELP!

AHEM!
YESSIR!
IGOR!

OH...
BEGGING
YOUR
PARDON,
M'LORD!

WHAT'S
WRONG,
MR. IGOR?



THAT LITTLE FELLOW
WE JUST PASSED...
I COULD HAVE SWORN
HE WAS... **KROOL!**

NOW...YOU
MUSTN'T
JUDGE
PEOPLE
BY
THEIR...
OH!

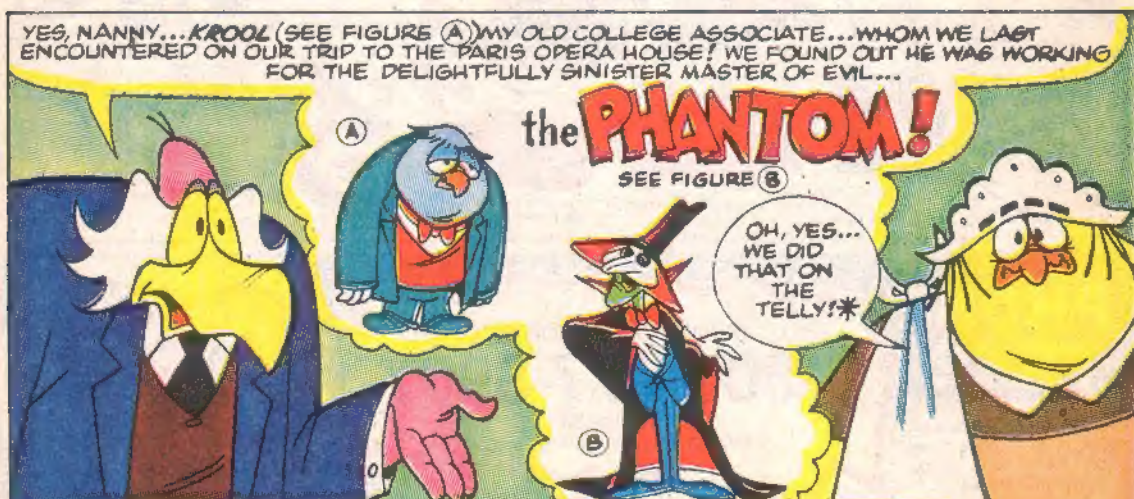
DEARIE
ME!
YOU
MEAN...



YES, NANNY... **KROOL** (SEE FIGURE A) MY OLD COLLEGE ASSOCIATE...WHOM WE LAST
ENCOUNTERED ON OUR TRIP TO THE PARIS OPERA HOUSE! WE FOUND OUT HE WAS WORKING
FOR THE DELIGHTFULLY SINISTER MASTER OF EVIL...

the **PHANTOM!**

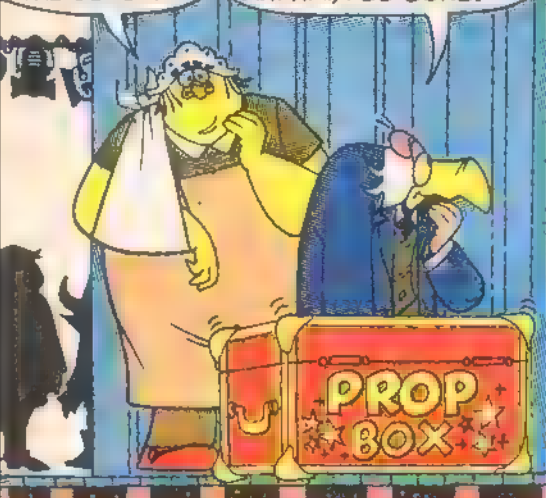
SEE FIGURE B



* NANNY REFERS TO THE COUNT DUCKULA ANIMATED T.V. SHOW SEEN ON
NICKELODEON! CONSULT YOUR CABLE GUIDE FOR DETAILS!... Editor

BUT THEY WENT
SAILING DOWN
THE SEWER!

INDEED, NANNY...I GUESS
I WAS SEEING THINGS!!
ANYWAY, HE'S GONE!



INDEED IT IS I, KROOL! HOW ODD
THAT OUR PATHS OF GORY SHOULD
CROSS ONCE MORE!



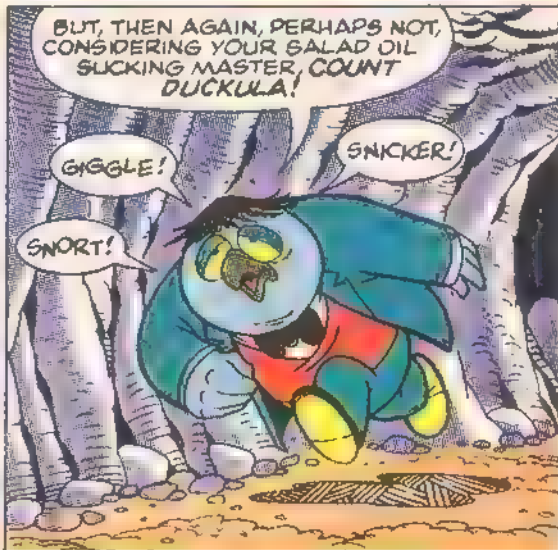
BUT, THEN AGAIN, PERHAPS NOT,
CONSIDERING YOUR SALAD OIL
SLUCKING MASTER, COUNT
DUCKULA!

GIGGLE!

SNICKER!

SNORT!

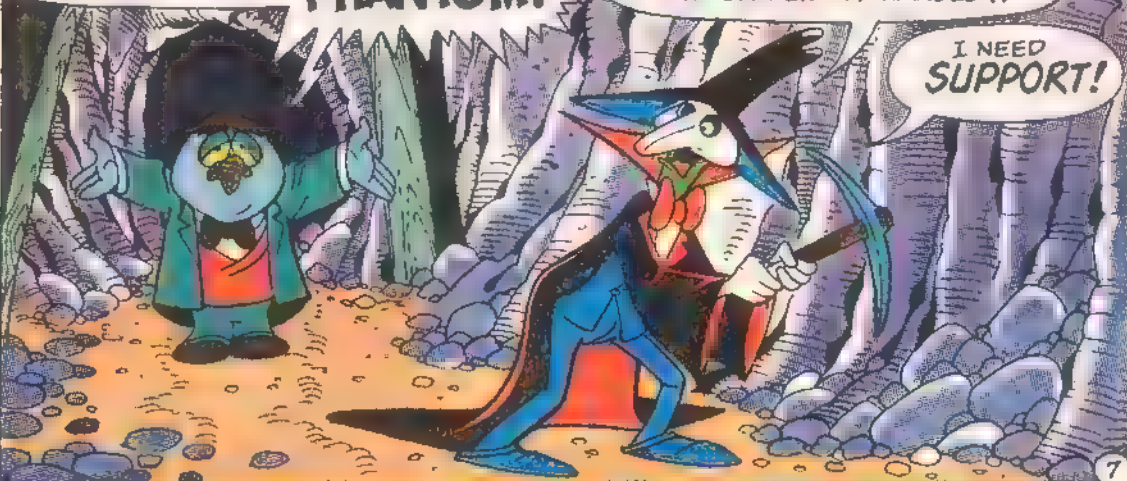
BUT NOT
FORGOTTEN,
IGOR, MY
OLD FIEND!



AND MY OBSESSIVE SUBTERRANEAN
MEGALOMANIAC...THE **PHANTOM!**

KROOL! HOW DARE YOU
RETURN EMPTY-HANDED?!

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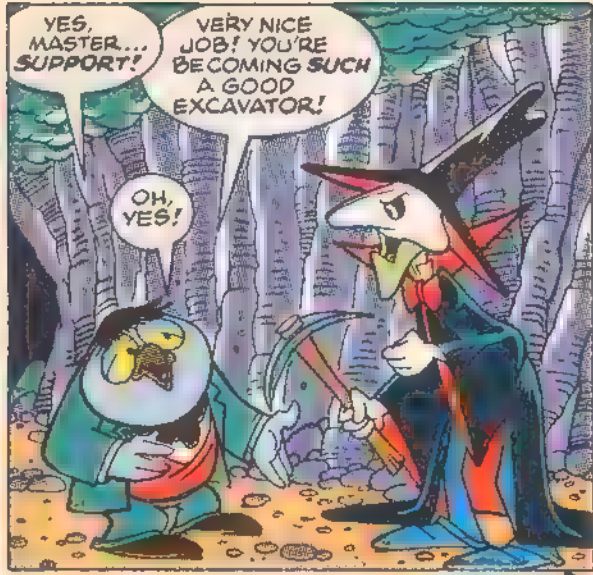
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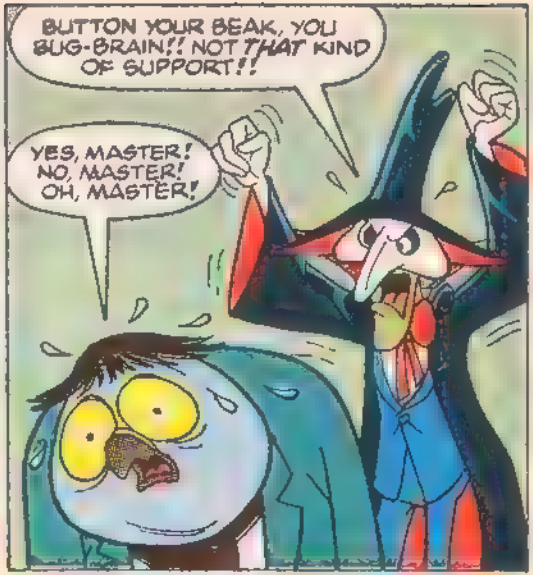
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YES, MASTER... SUPPORT!

VERY NICE JOB! YOU'RE BECOMING SUCH A GOOD EXCAVATOR!

OH, YES!



BUTTON YOUR BEAK, YOU BUG-BRAIN!! NOT THAT KIND OF SUPPORT!!

YES, MASTER! NO, MASTER! OH, MASTER!



I NEED WOODEN SUPPORTS, KROOL! SO I CAN HAVE MY REVENGE ON THE GRAND OLE OPRY!

YES, MASTER!



THEY LAUGHED AT ME, KROOL!

HAW! I'VE HEARD BETTER SOUNDS IN A HEN HOUSE!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS! I'LL HAUNT THE CAVERNOUS CATACOMBS BENEATH THE THEATER AS I DID IN PARIS!

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE NO CAVERNOUS CATACOMBS BENEATH THE GRAND OLE OPRY...

PRAT!

SHH!

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CITY RECORDS

BETCHA BITE A CHIP

with
Chips Ahoy!

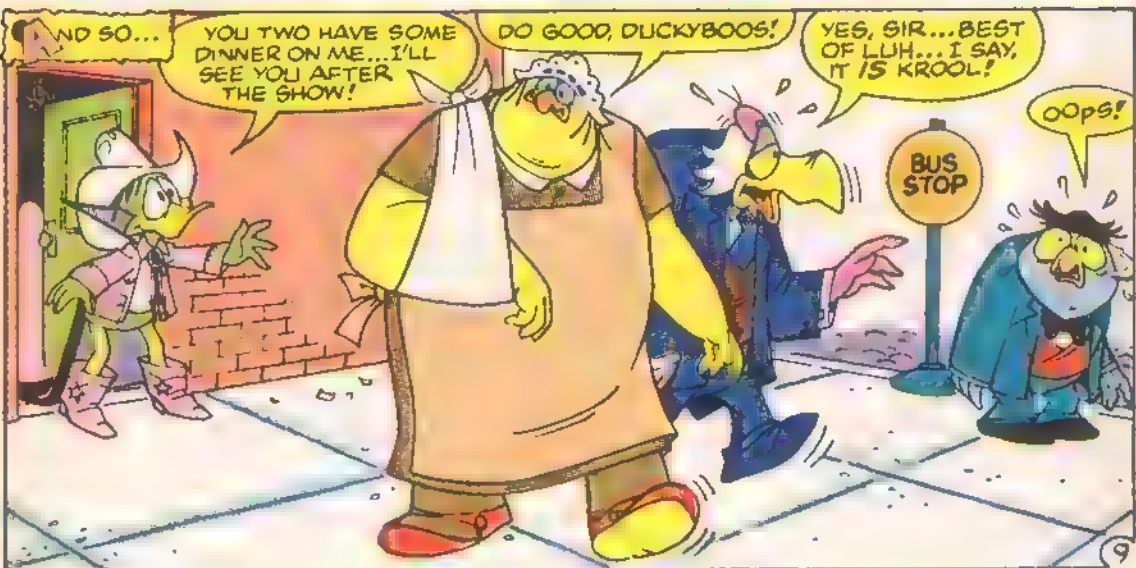
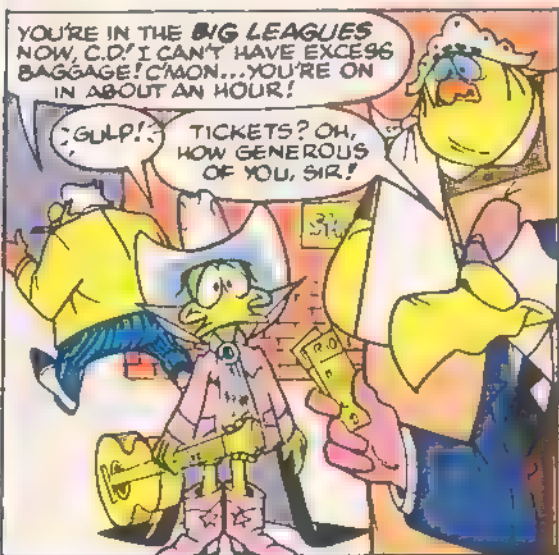
THERE ARE SO MANY CHOCOLATE CHIPS IN A CHIPS AHOY! COOKIE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BITE A COOKIE WITHOUT BITING A CHIP. SEE IF YOU CAN "EAT" YOUR WAY THROUGH THIS MAZE, "BITING" INTO AS FEW CHIPS AS POSSIBLE.



BETCHA BITE A CHIP SCALE

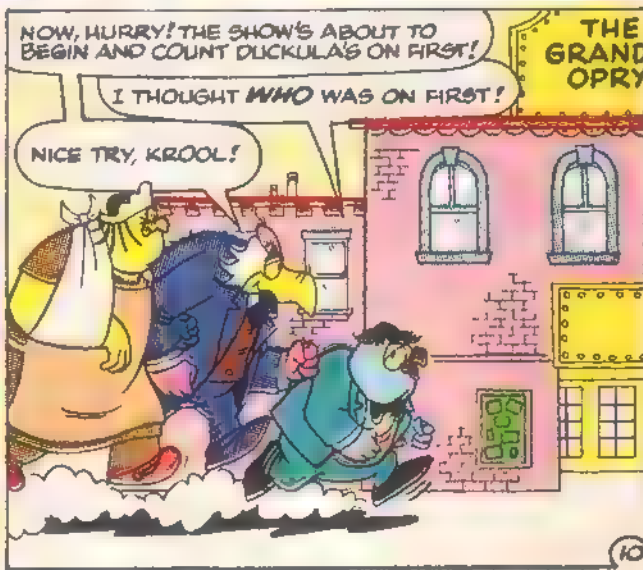
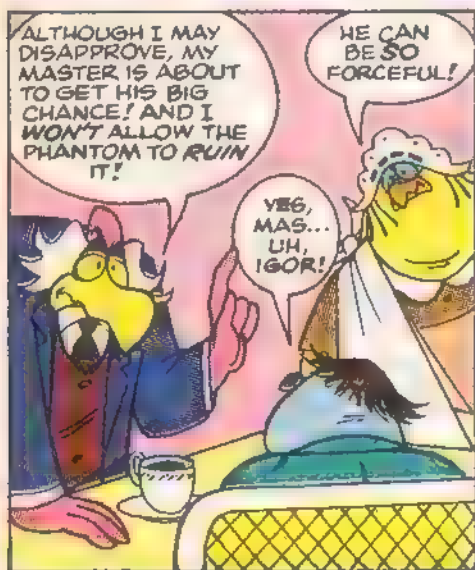
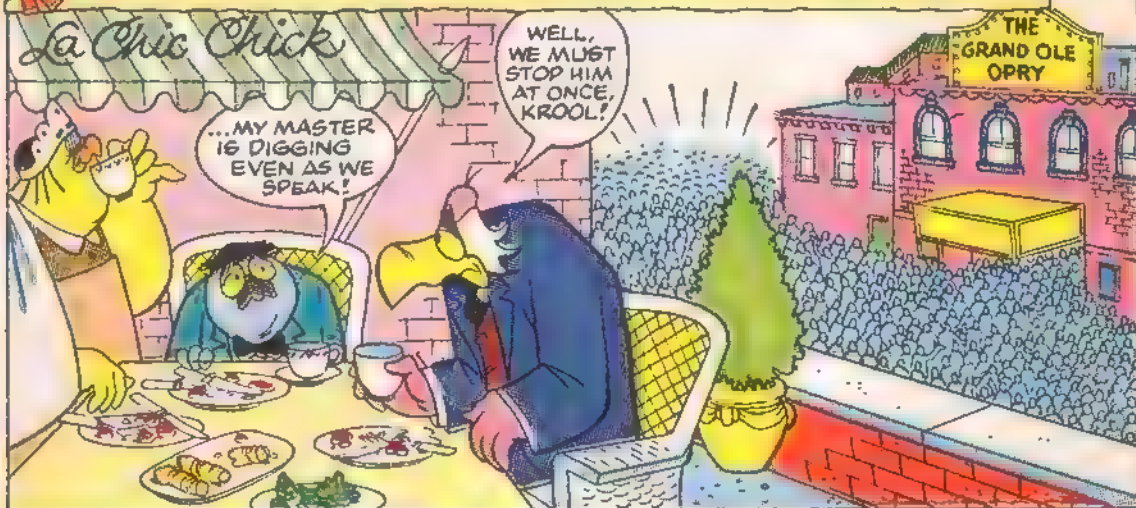
- 5 OR MORE - YOU BIT A MOUTHFUL (TRY AGAIN)
- 4 CHIPS - CHOCOLATE MUNCHER
- 3 CHIPS - NOT A BAD BIT O' BITING, BUDDY
- 2 CHIPS - CHOOSY CHEWER
- 1 CHIP - CHIP SKIPPER
- 0 CHIPS - IMPOSSIBLE! (WE TOLD YOU)



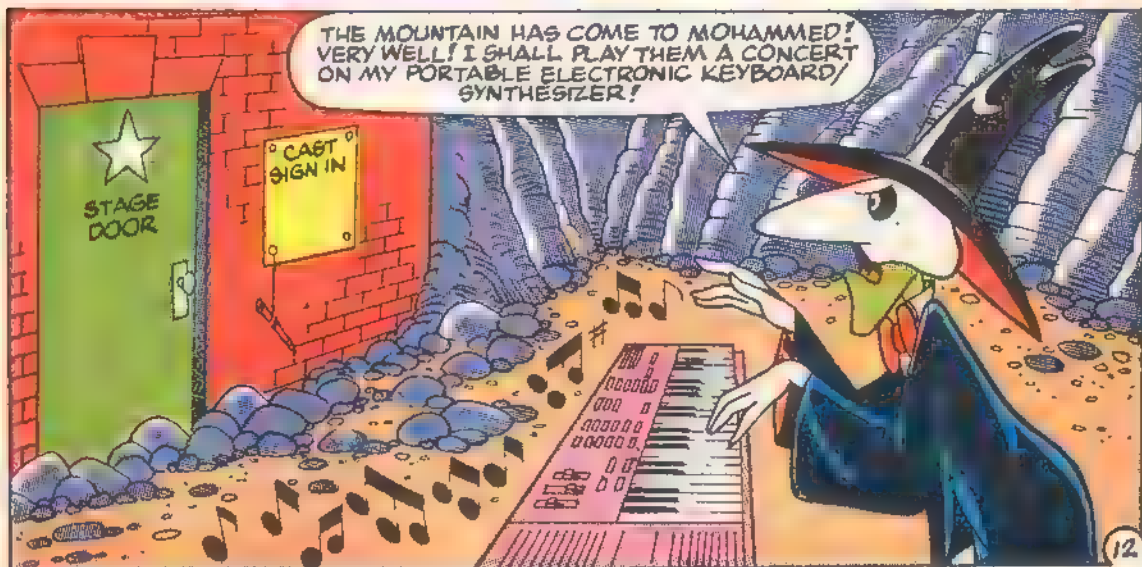
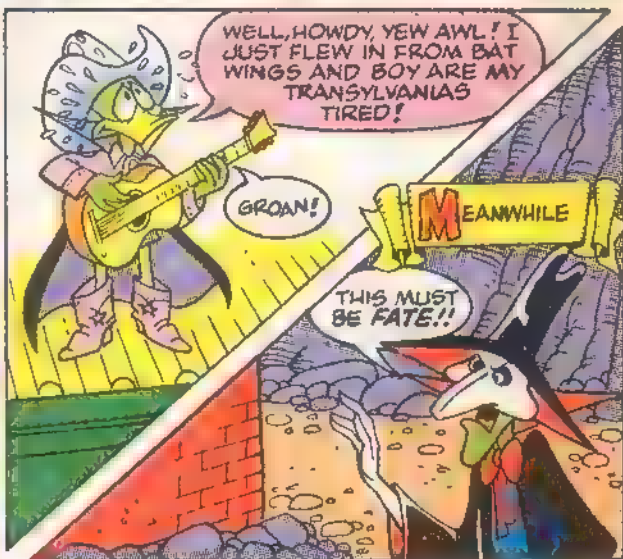
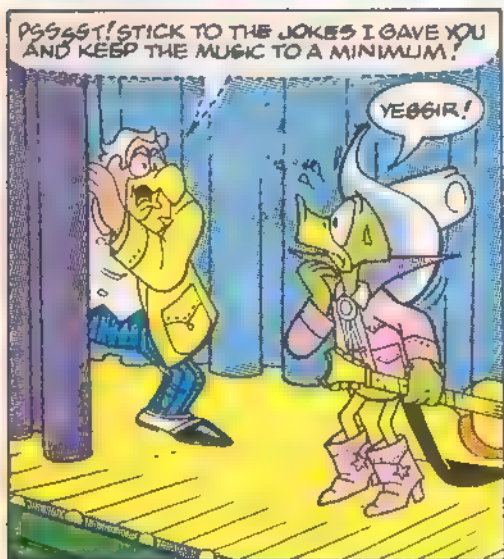
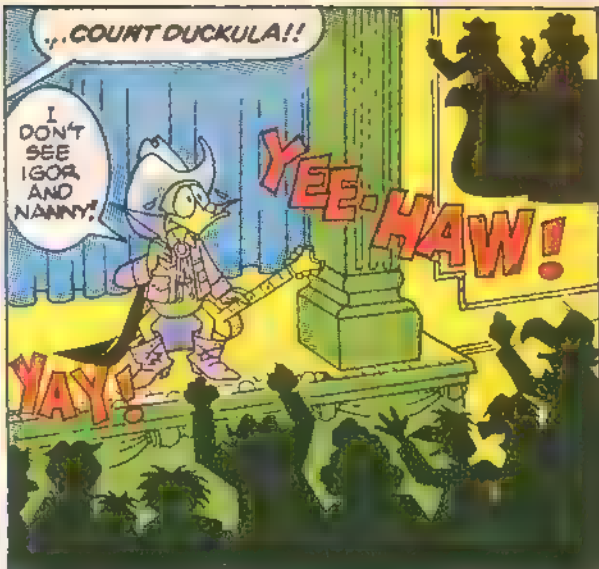
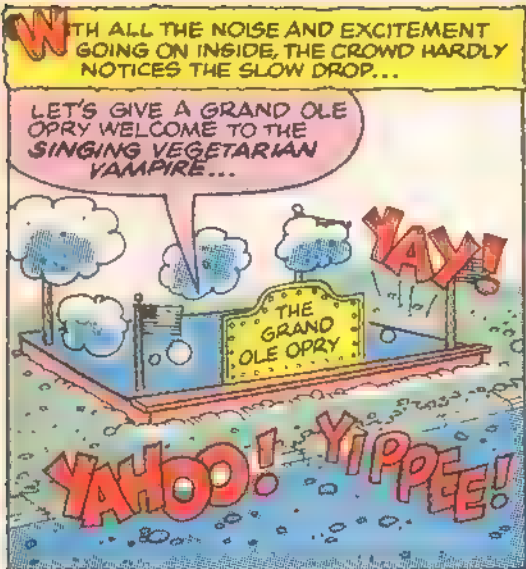


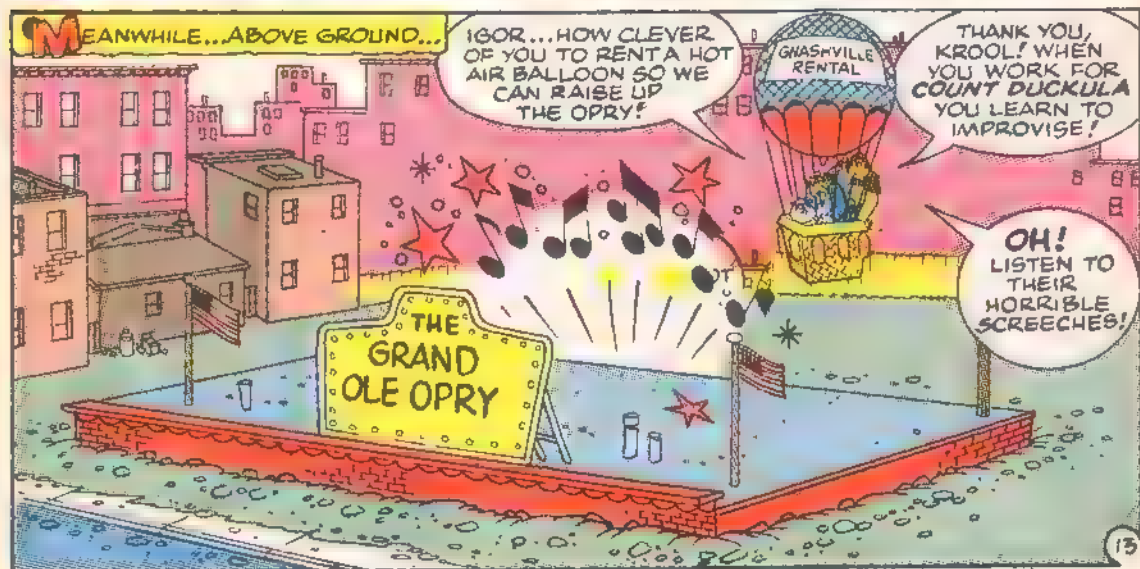
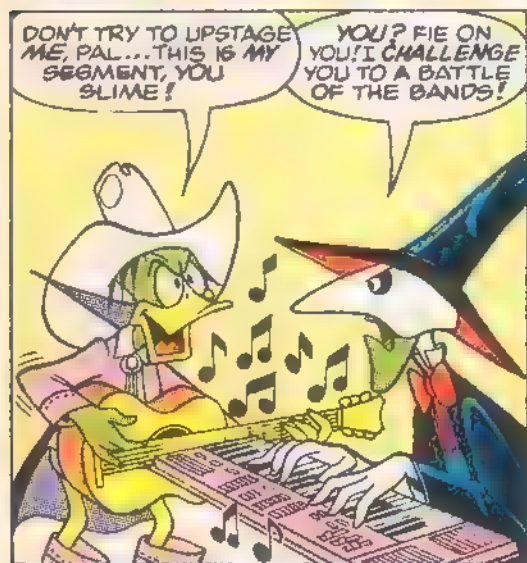
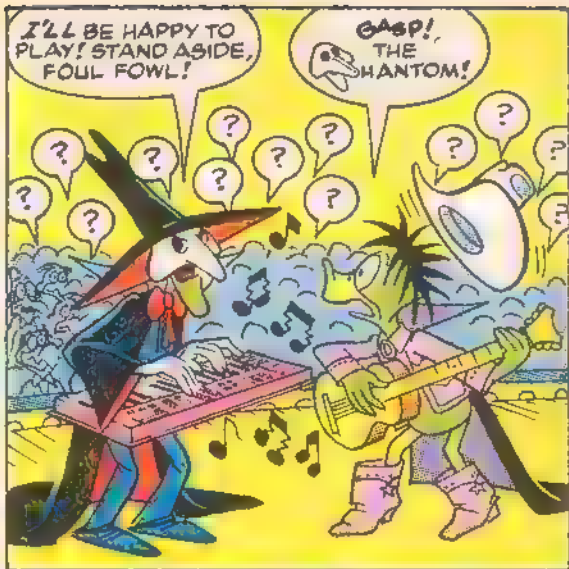


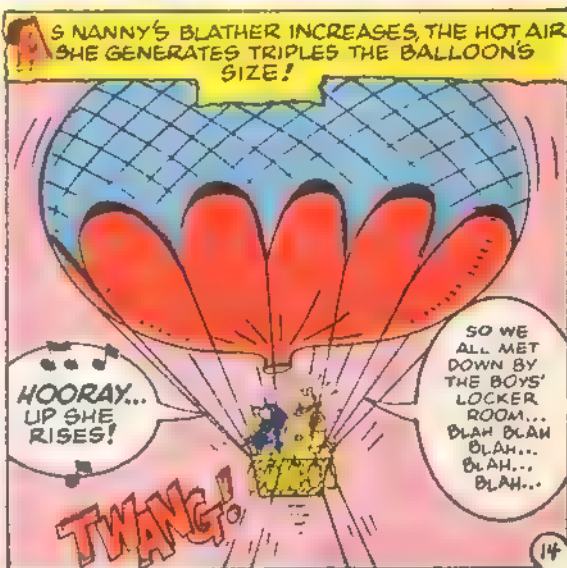
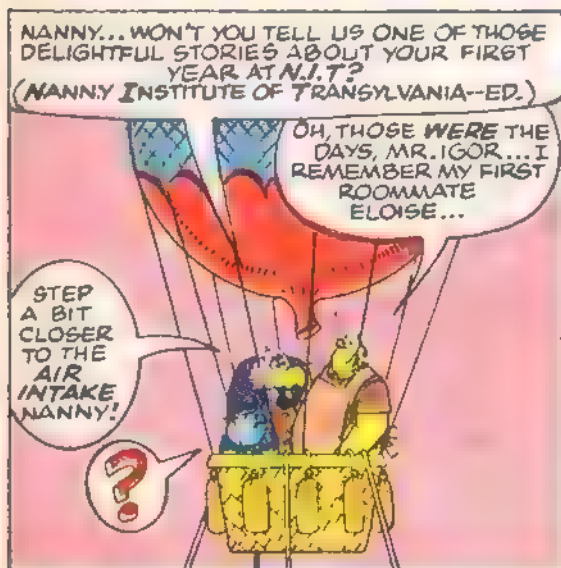
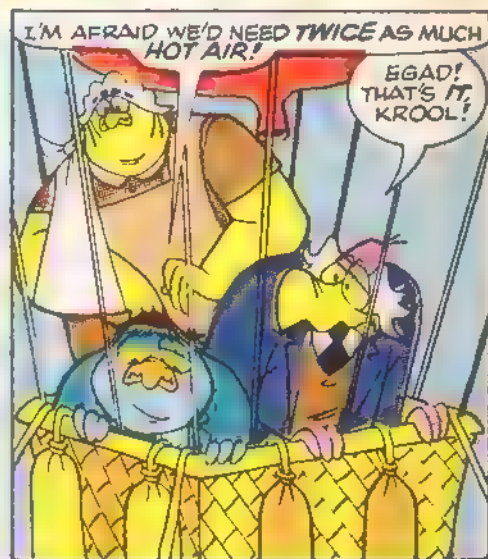
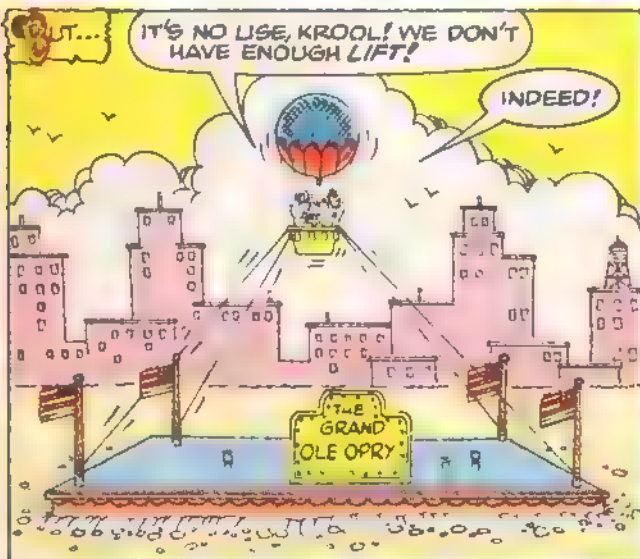
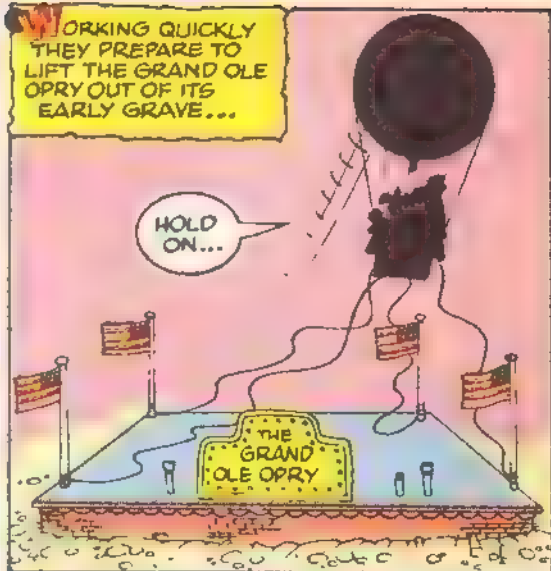
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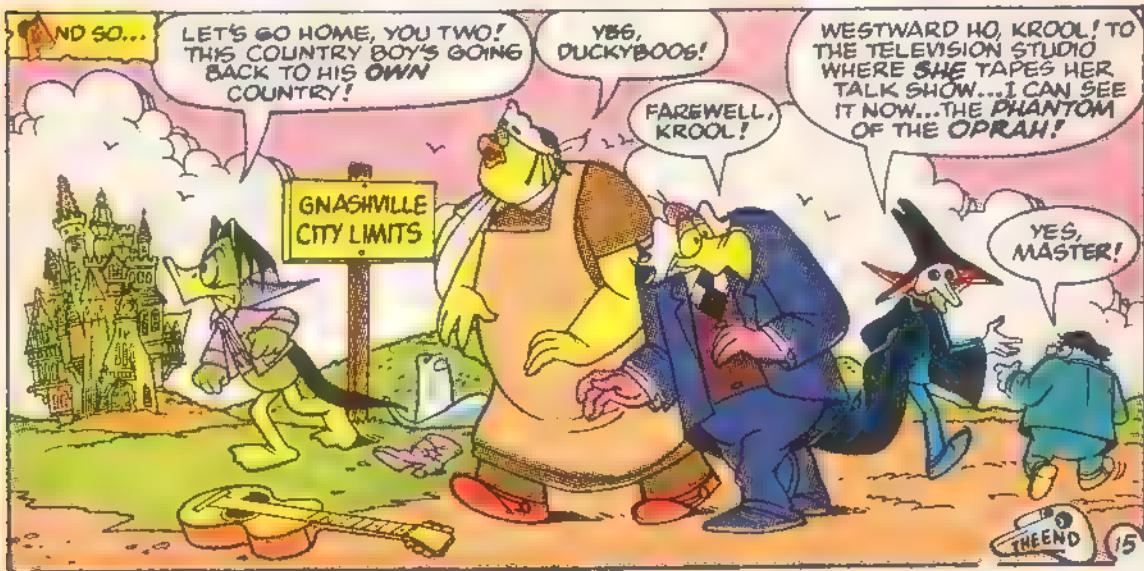
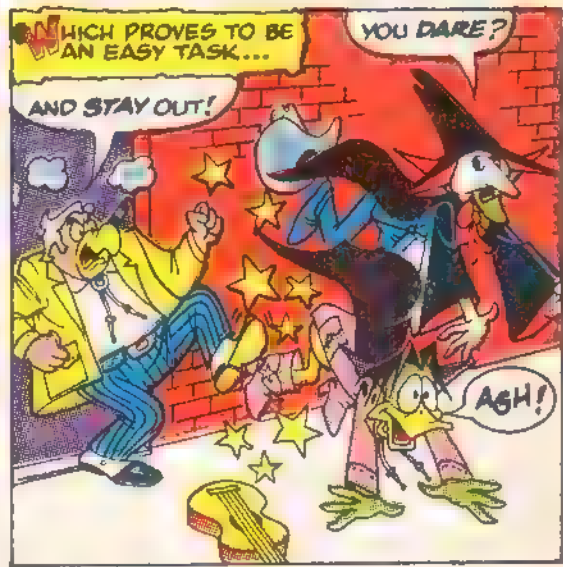
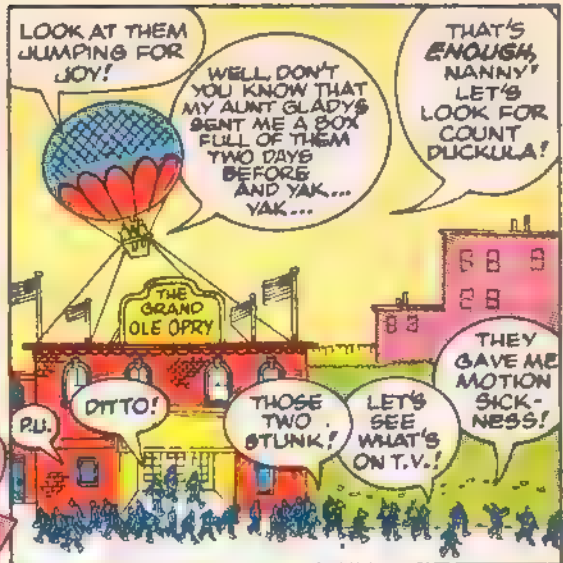
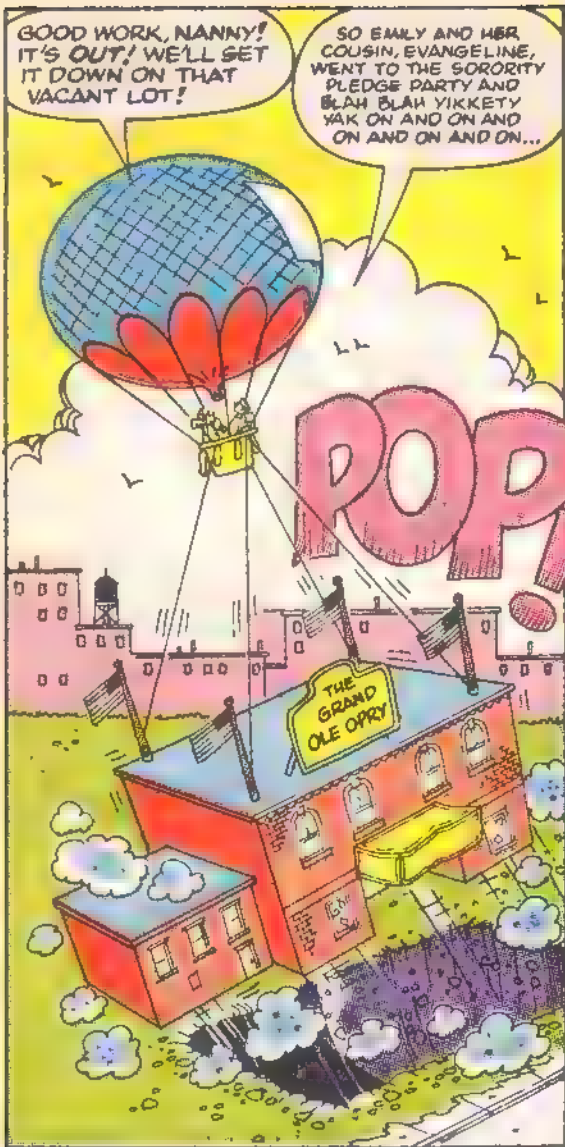














FANG MAIL

SID JACOBSON: EDITOR LISA TRUSIANI: ASST. EDITOR

c/o S.T.A.R. COMICS, 387 PARK AVE. SOUTH, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016

Dear Editor,

I'm a really big Duckula fan! I am the only person in my school with his own custom-made Duckula T-shirt, but enough about me.

I would like to know why Nanny's arm is in a sling. I've been watching the TV show, and collecting the comics, and it's always been that way. Why? This would probably make a very interesting episode in the Duckula adventures!

Chris L. Daughtrey
Duncan, OK

Good question, Chris. There are many theories about Nanny's arm. Some say Nanny donned the sling after an attempt to shoot off a pesky door-to-door salesman. Igor, alarmed, had shouted (in an English accent): "Stop! Don't 'arm 'im!"

Others claim she was simply a victim of fowl play.

All we know for certain is that she's definitely armed and dangerous. Especially when it comes to doorways.

Dear COUNT DUCKULA,

I have built up a substantial comic book collection during my seventeen years on this earth. And should you begin publication of a Danger Mouse comic, you would not only receive my undying adulation, but also something for which you would have much more use--a subscription.

Please, give this worthy rodent his own comic!

Jennifer Webster
Skidell, LA

Thanks, Jennifer, for sharing your esteemed opinion--and your esteemed cash! Unfortunately, we don't have any plans to star Danger Mouse in his own comic (yet, that is!), but we do promise to keep him on regular visits to Count Duckula's castle.

Hope this satisfies you a bit, at least. And why not give Duckys a chance, anyway? He's wonderful! (Even if he does prefer croutons to corpses!)

Dear Editor,

Please continue "Fang Mail" and Danger Mouse along with Count Duckula, in the same comic book.

However, I think the comic should be more sarcastic.

Try to make Penfold's skin a touch lighter, and Nanny's feathers more

white than yellow. Also, make Nanny dumber.

I enjoy reading it a lot!

Brak Rosenberg
Clifton Park, NY

So you think we should be more sarcastic, huh? Huh? Like how? Like with more question marks?

Dear COUNT DUCKULA,

I love your comic! I have all the issues. I liked seeing Danger Mouse, too.

I hate to say it, but I saw a mistake in ish #4 ["Bats All Folks"]. In the first issue ["Lightin' Camera! Traction!"], Igor said a vampire cannot be captured on film, but as Danger Mouse was leaving the movie with Penfold, the sign said Guest-Starring Count Duckula.

What gives?

Ben Ferreira
Little Compton, RI

Very sharp-eyed of you, Ben! We used the poster as a way to introduce Count Duckula into the story (he was the guest star, remember?).

And in fact, Count Duckula did guest star in that movie. That is not, however, the same as saying he appeared in it.

Dear COUNT DUCKULA,

I have carrots and broccoli sandwiches. I hope you come.

Scott Marks
Mohegan Lake, NY

Mmm. You definitely know how to tempt a count.

But how large are the back yards in your town, Scott? Is there space to land a castle? After all, that's the only way Count Duckula will travel.

To Whomever Cares:

MORE DANGER MOUSE!

Bingham
Long Beach, CA

We care! We'll try to do it!!

Dear Count Duckula and W. Kramer,

I am a very big fan of yours. But, could you do a comic of Count Duckula's past and present relatives?

I also have two questions:

1. Will Count Duckula ever put a salad bar in the castle's kitchen?

2. Will the Count ever look at some of his family photo albums?

I think the Count would be mad if he found out that Blaney had broken or destroyed the kitchen (and cellar)!

Will Count Duckula eat his red meat, make mine Marvel?

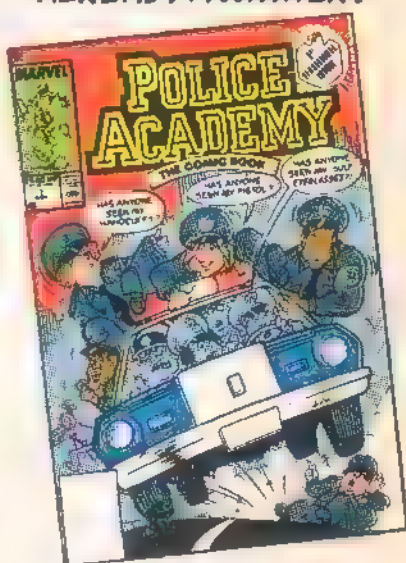
Eric Rhea
Logansport, IN

Glad to hear from you, Eric.

We wouldn't be at all surprised if Count Duckula does try to put a salad bar in the kitchen. A better question, though, might be--will he succeed? That we doubt... If Igor has anything to say about it, that is.

Sooner or later, the Count probably will review his family history, though we don't know when. Could be interesting. And salads for lunch may not be so healthy at that point--not once those relatives got their hands on Duckula!

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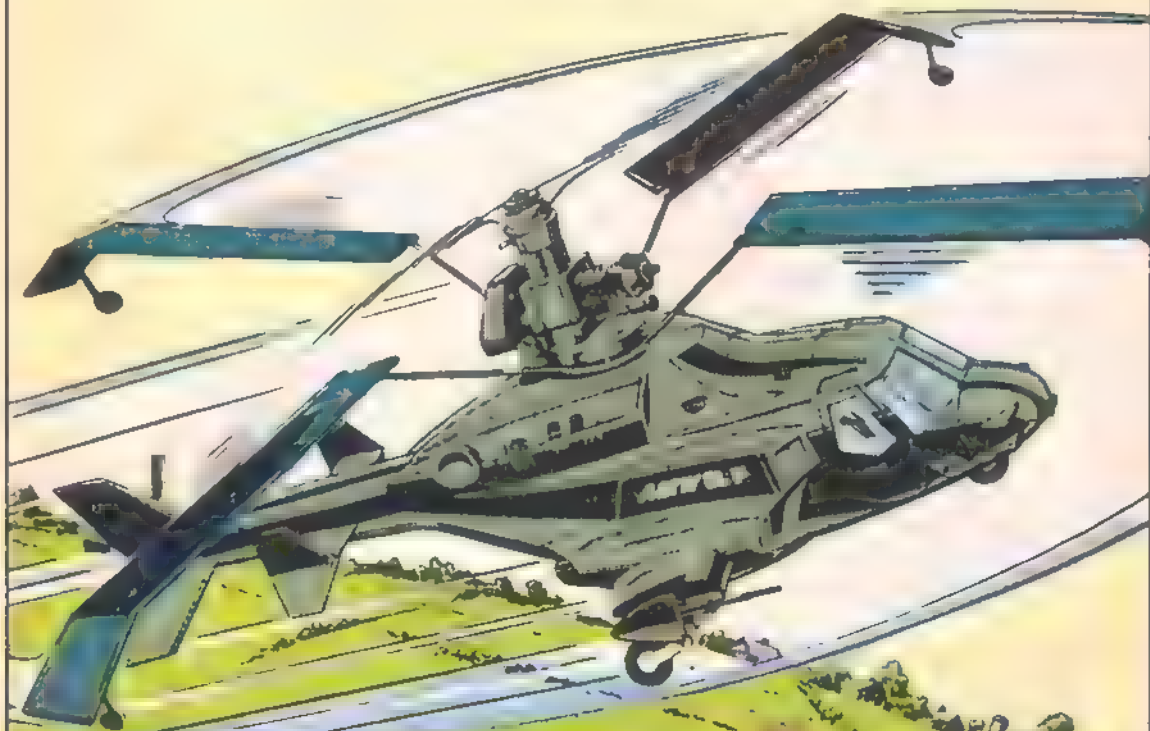
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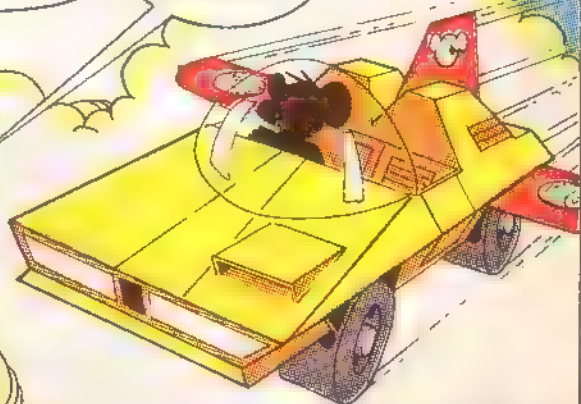


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MOUSE TO FLY INTO
THE SECRET DEPT?!

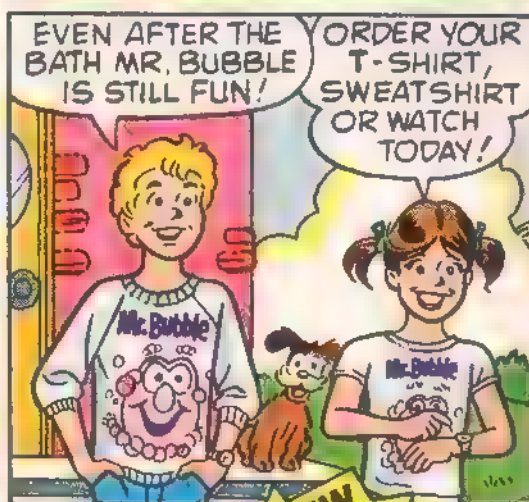
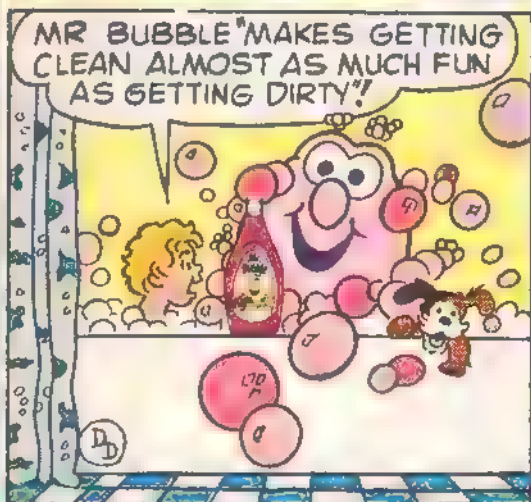
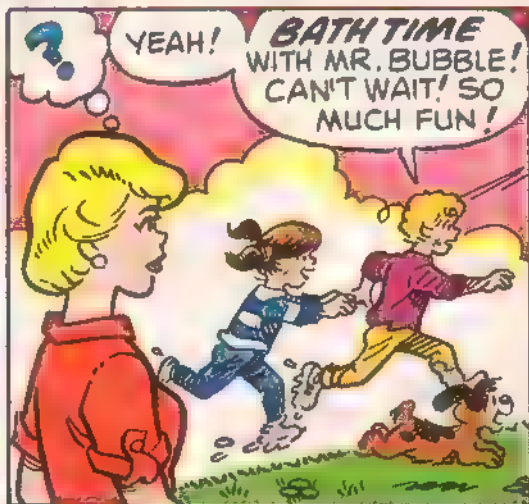
YES! BUT I
DIDN'T THINK
HE'D TAKE ME
SO LITERALLY!
TAKE COVER,
PENFOLD!



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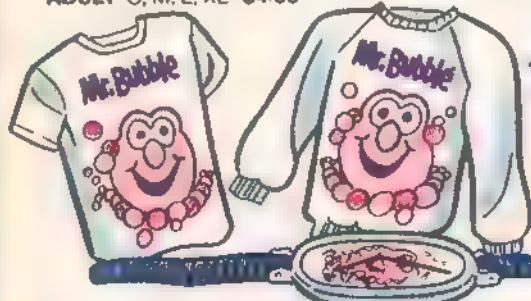
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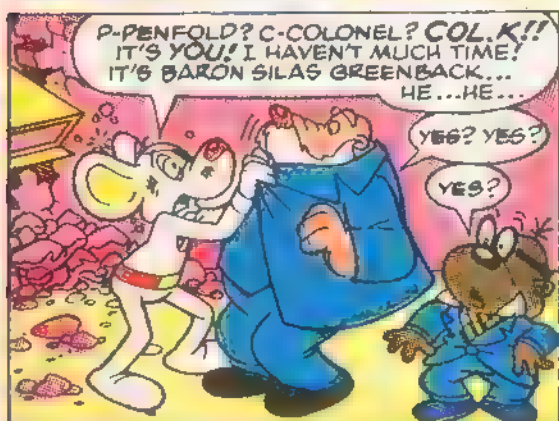
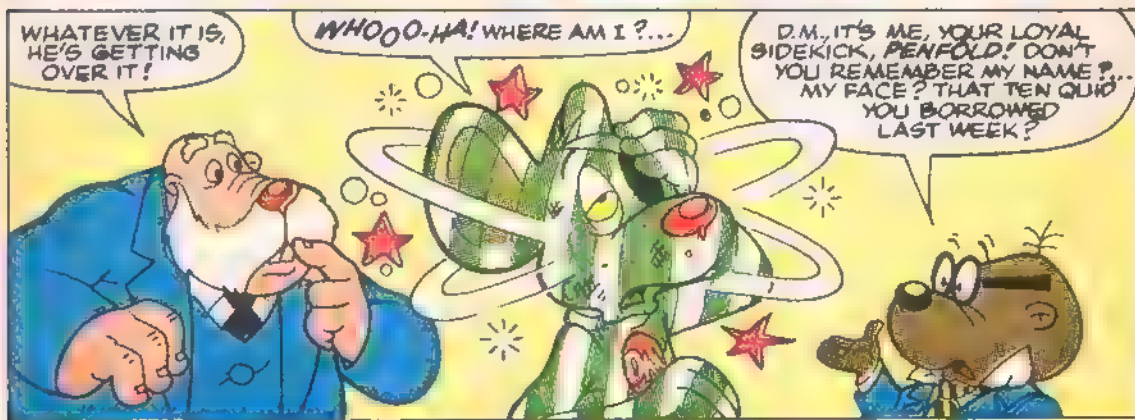
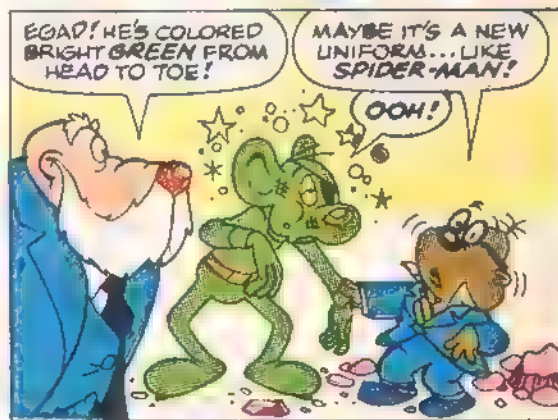
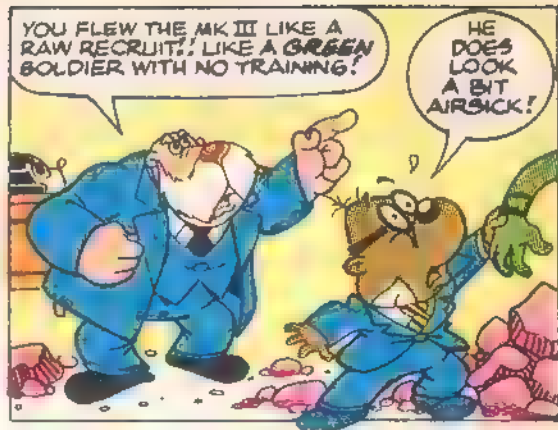
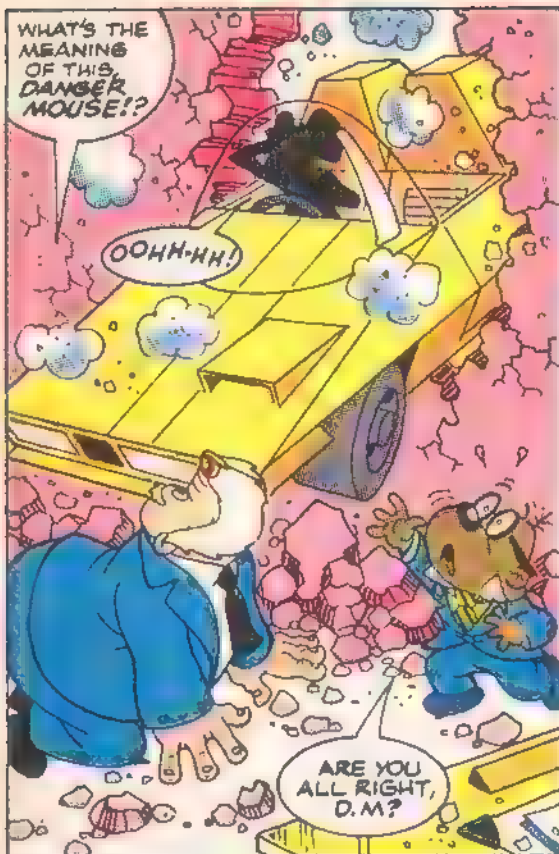
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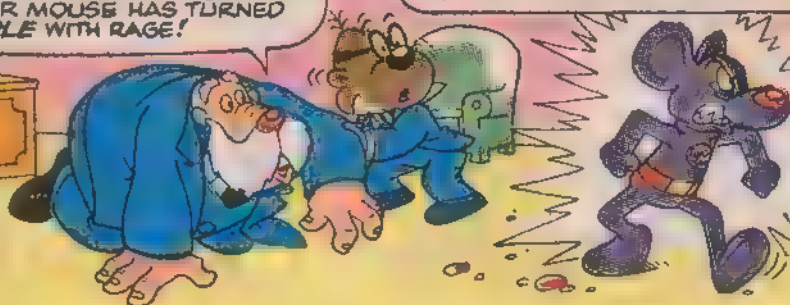


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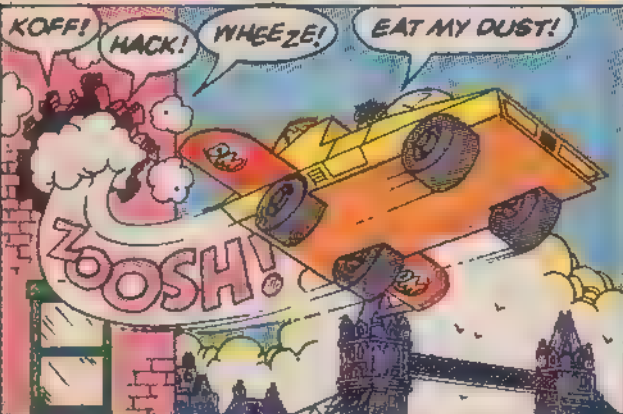


LOOK THERE, AGENT JIGSAW*!
DANGER MOUSE HAS TURNED
PURPLE WITH RAGE!

AH, PUT A SOCK IN IT, YA OLD *G*!! *Y*!!



*PENFOLD'S CODE NAME IS "JIGSAW" BECAUSE HE GOES TO PIECES IN A CRISIS! Editor



SIR... I'VE SEEN D.M. ANGRY..
(LIKE THE TIME I LAUNDERED
AND SHRANK HIS EYE
PATCH).. BUT...

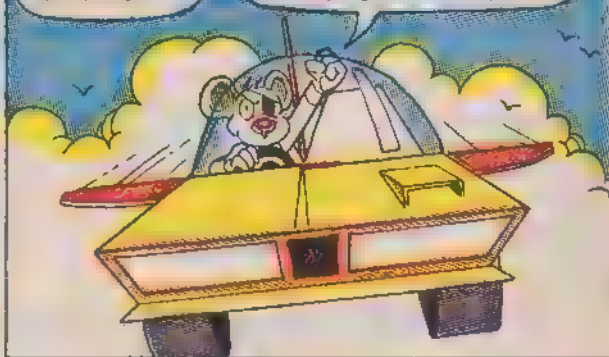
I KNOW,
PENFOLD!
SOMETHING
OR SOMEONE
HAS CONTROL
OF HIM...



'LET'S HOPE HE COMES OUT OF IT SOON...'
OOOHH! I'M COMING OUT OF IT...



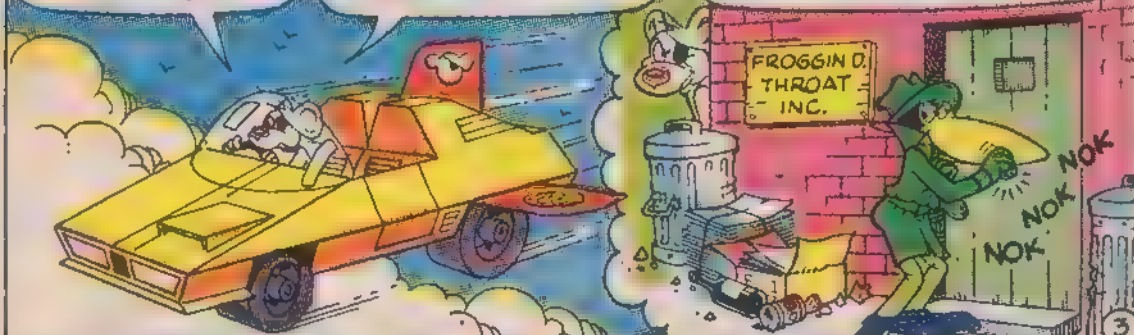
NOW I
REMEMBER... CURSE YOU, BARON SILAS
GREENBACK!



YES, I RECALL NOW...
IT WAS ONLY A FEW
HOURS AGO...

I'D GOTTEN A TIP TO A
POSSIBLE NEW LOCATION
FOR GREENBACK'S MOB...

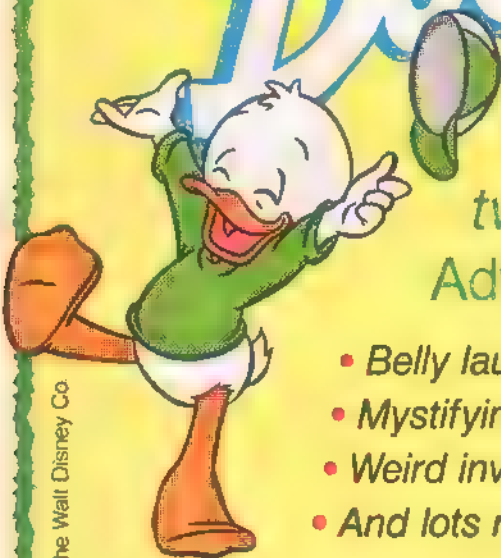
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STILETTO, I KNEW I'D STRUCK
PAYDIRT!...



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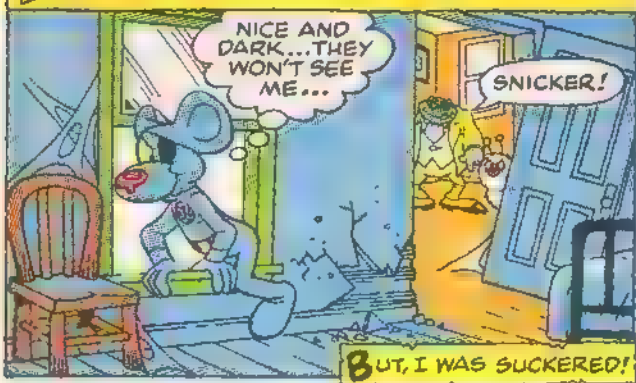
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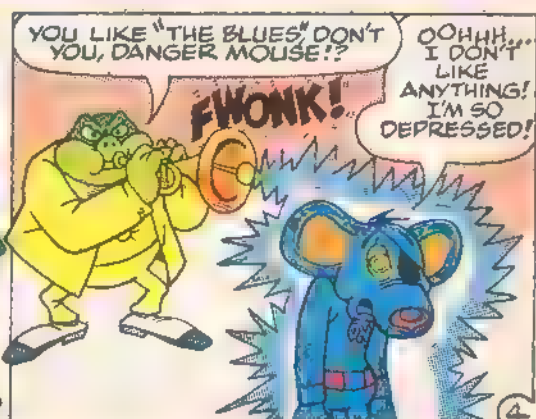
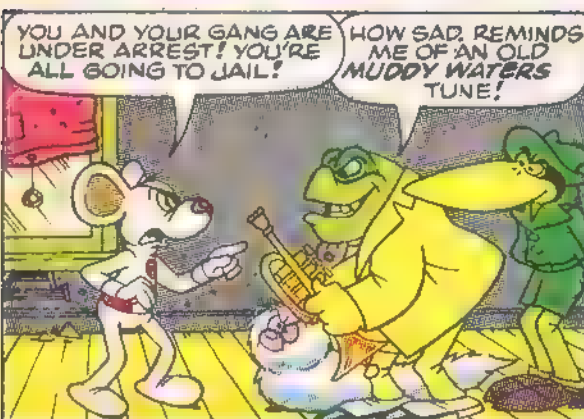
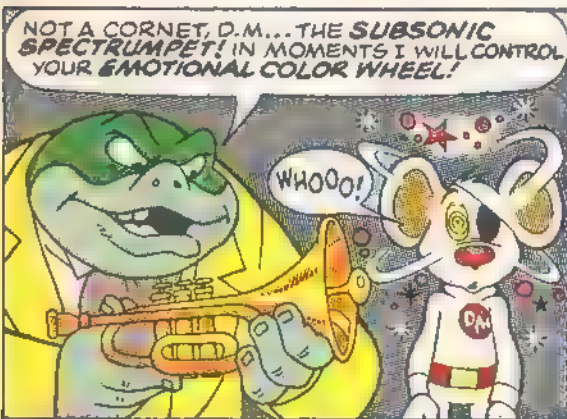
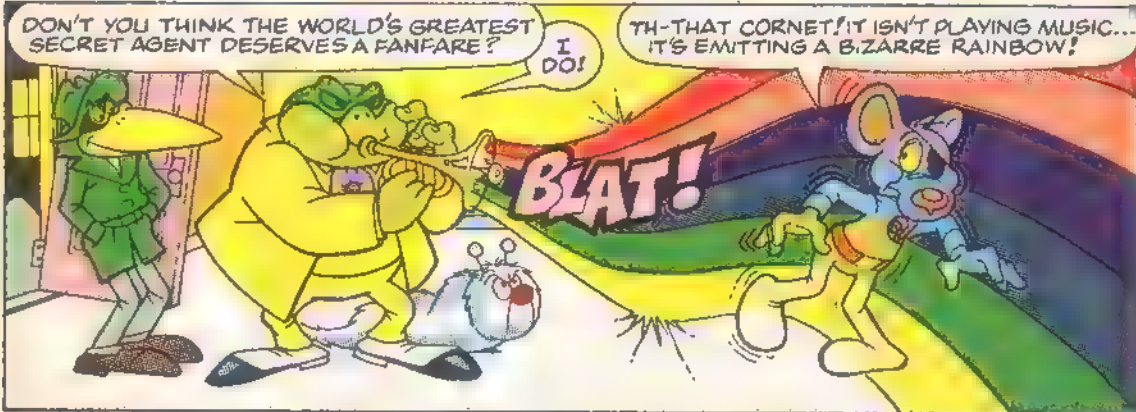
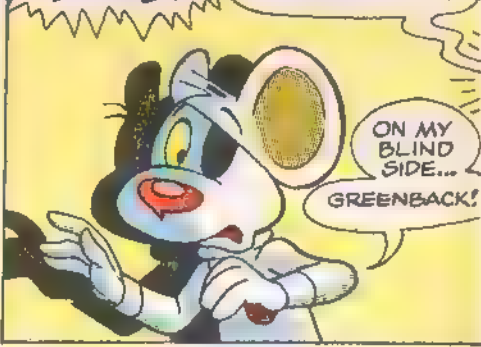
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The single work of which I am most proud is: Always the next assignment

My pet peeves are: Pretentiousness and apathy

My place of birth is: Union City, New Jersey

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Receiving my Master's degree in Criminal Justice at John Jay

My oddest habit is: The ability to put peanut butter and jelly on almost anything edible

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Michael J. Fox, Dudley Moore, or Mickey Mouse.

The reason I got into comics was: To communicate with people.

People who knew me in High School thought I was: The cartoonist of the class.

My favorite performers are: The Three Stooges, Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello.

The last good book I read was: The Honeymooner's Companion

The last good movie I saw was: Who Framed Roger Rabbit

The biggest influences on my work include: Jack Kirby, Walt Kelly, Mill Caniff, Al Capp, Walt Disney, Chuck Jones, and Tex Avery

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To develop my own characters.

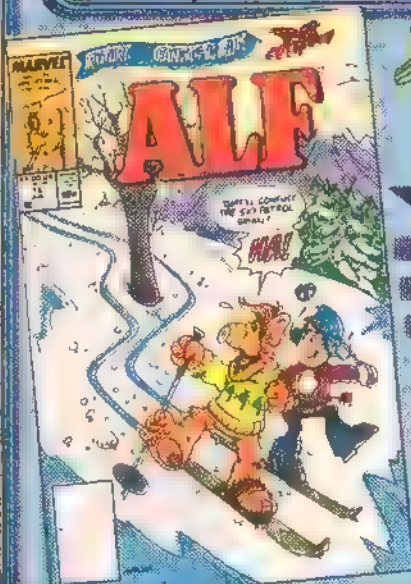
The worst part of my job is: Trying to fit in a 36 hour day

When nobody's looking I like to: Relax

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: I care

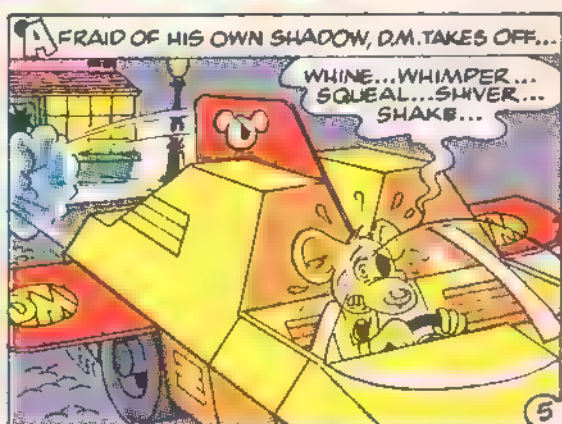
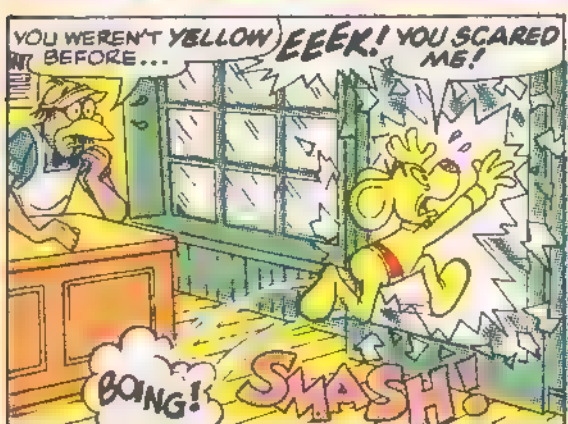
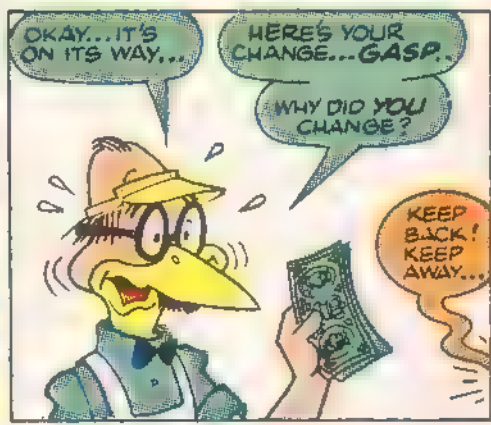
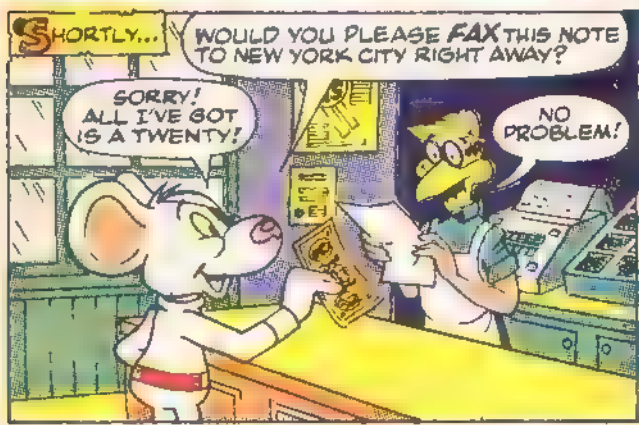
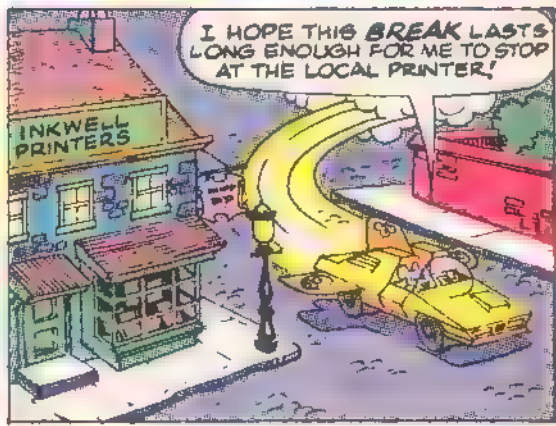
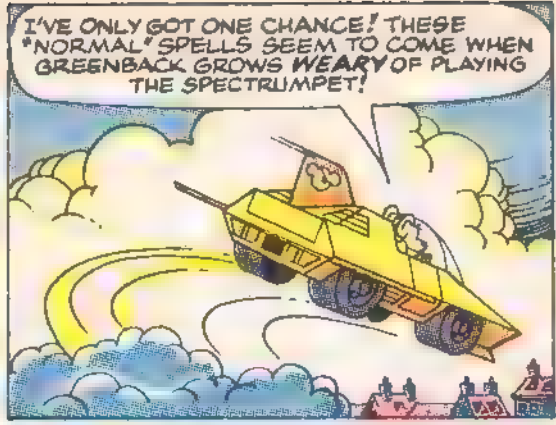
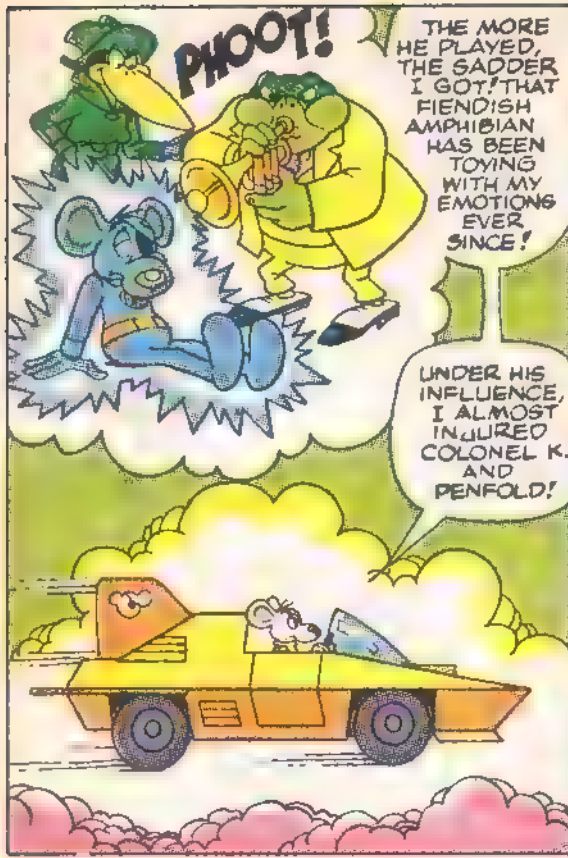


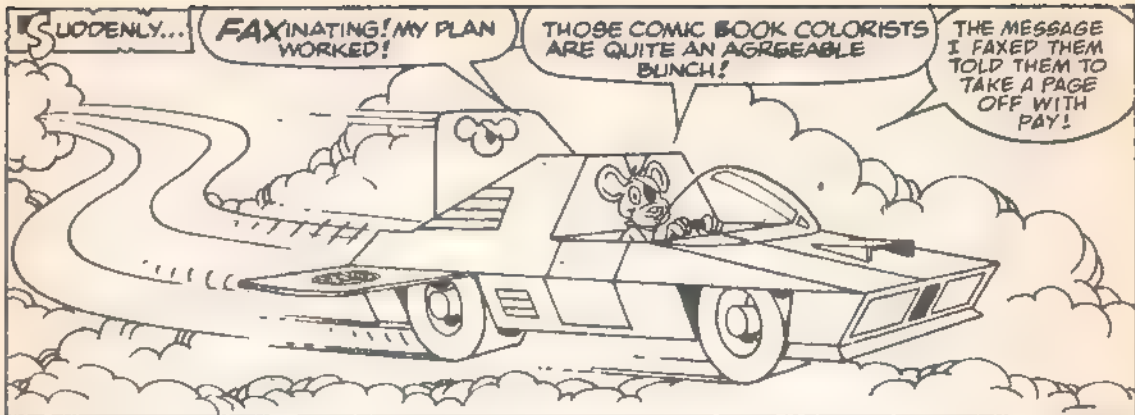
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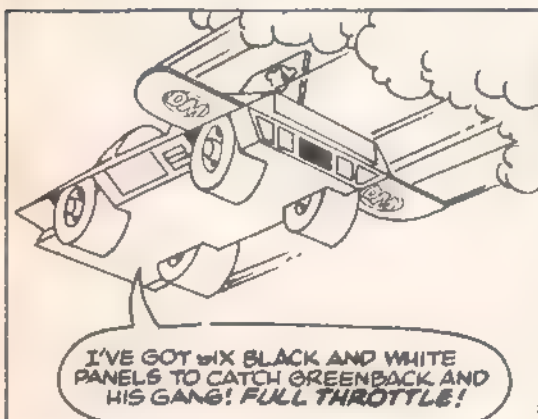


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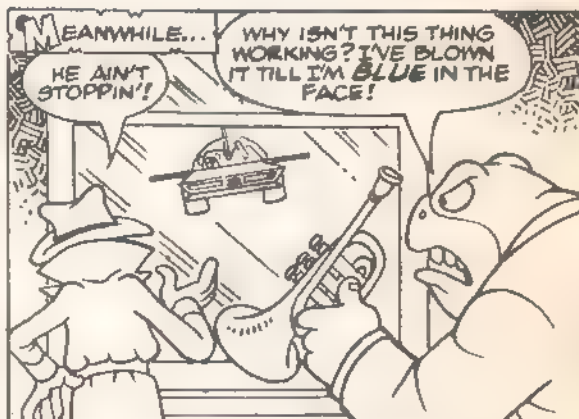
FAXINATING! MY PLAN WORKED!

THOSE COMIC BOOK COLORISTS ARE QUITE AN AGREEABLE BUNCH!

THE MESSAGE I FAXED THEM TOLD THEM TO TAKE A PAGE OFF WITH PAY!



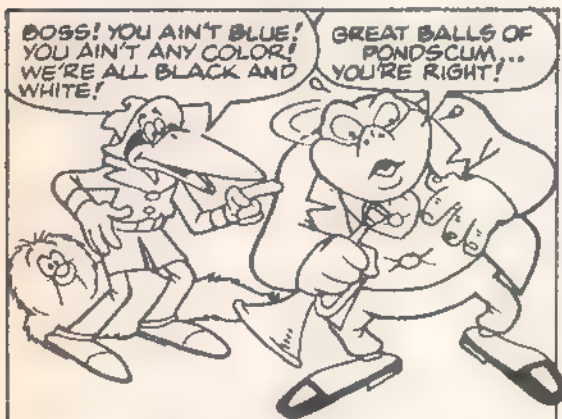
I'VE GOT SIX BLACK AND WHITE PANELS TO CATCH GREENBACK AND HIS GANG! FULL THROTTLE!



MEANWHILE...

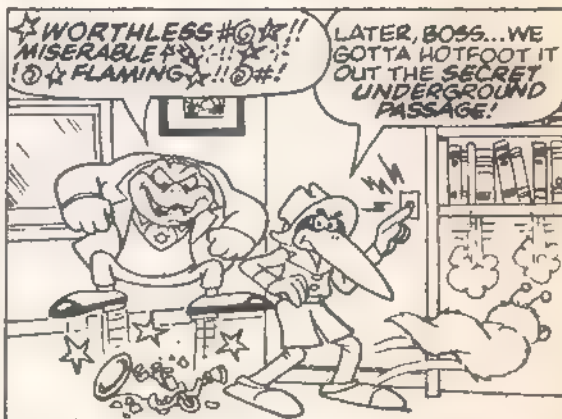
HE AIN'T STOPPIN'!

WHY ISN'T THIS THING WORKING? I'VE BLOWN IT TILL I'M BLUE IN THE FACE!



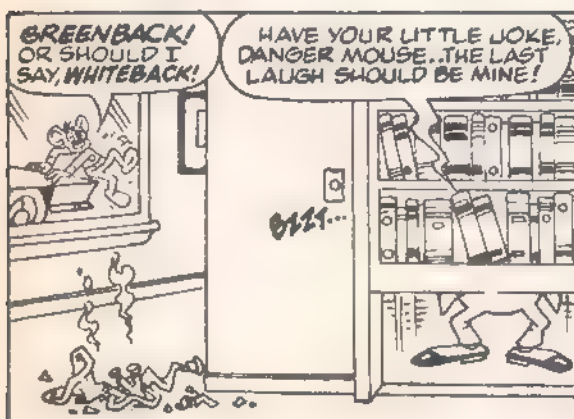
BOSS! YOU AIN'T BLUE! YOU AIN'T ANY COLOR! WE'RE ALL BLACK AND WHITE!

GREAT BALLS OF PONDSCUM... YOU'RE RIGHT!



★ WORTHLESS #0 ★ !!
★ MISERABLE #0 ★ !!
★ @ ★ FLAMING ★ !! @ # ★ !!

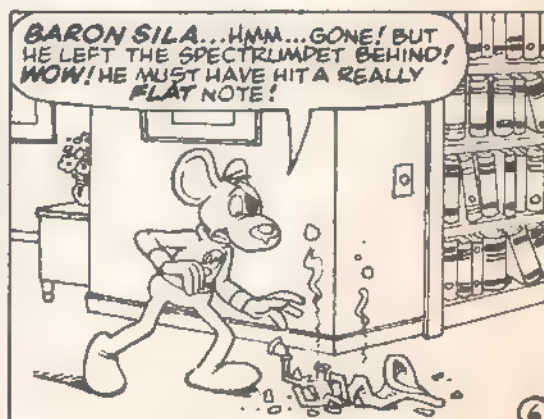
LATER, BOSS... WE GOTTA HOTFOOT IT OUT THE SECRET UNDERGROUND PASSAGE!



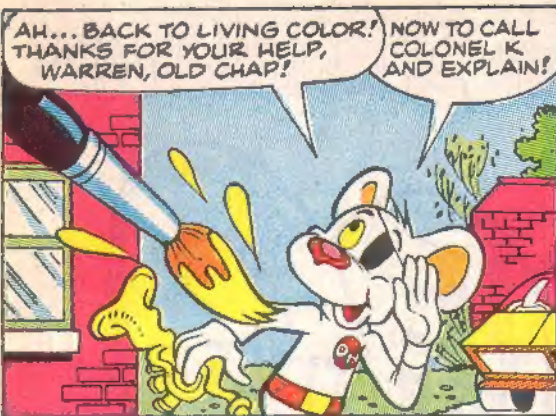
GREENBACK! OR SHOULD I SAY, WHITEBACK!

HAVE YOUR LITTLE JOKE, DANGER MOUSE... THE LAST LAUGH SHOULD BE MINE!

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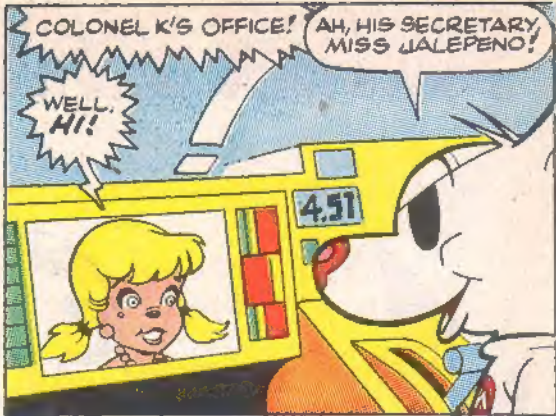


BARON SILA...HMM...GONE! BUT HE LEFT THE SPECTRUMPET BEHIND! WOW! HE MUST HAVE HIT A REALLY FLAT NOTE!



AH... BACK TO LIVING COLOR! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, WARREN, OLD CHAP!

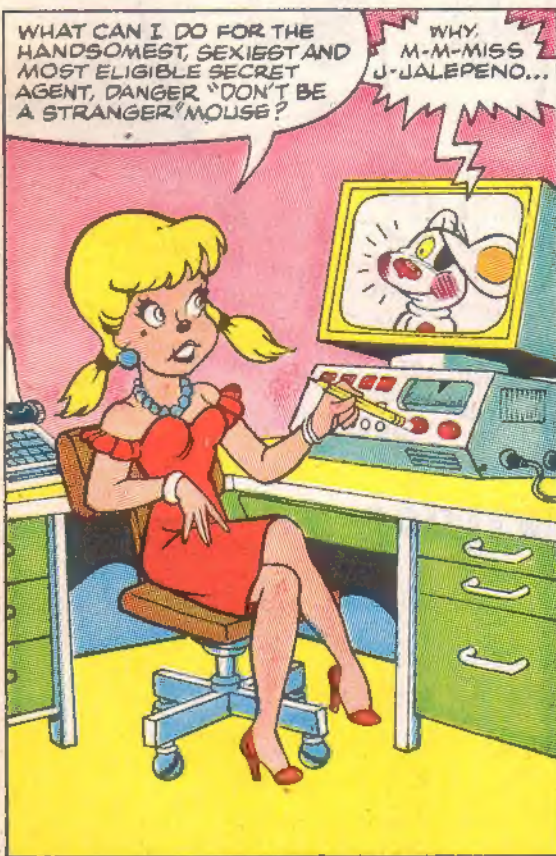
NOW TO CALL COLONEL K AND EXPLAIN!



COLONEL K'S OFFICE!

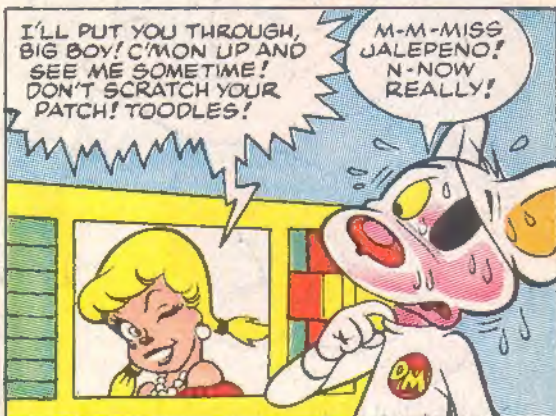
AH, HIS SECRETARY, MISS JALEPENO!

WELL, HI!



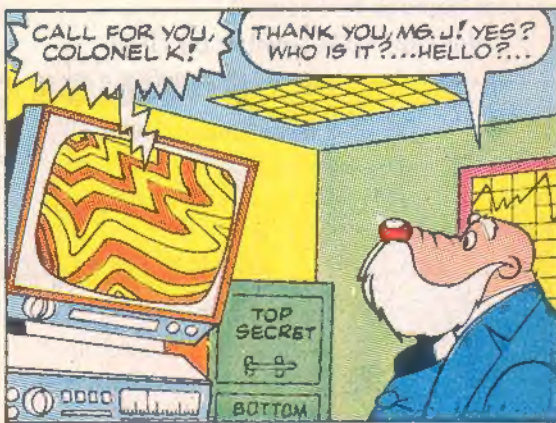
WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE HANDSOMEST, SEXIEST AND MOST ELIGIBLE SECRET AGENT, DANGER "DON'T BE A STRANGER" MOUSE?

WHY, M-M-MISS J-JALEPENO...



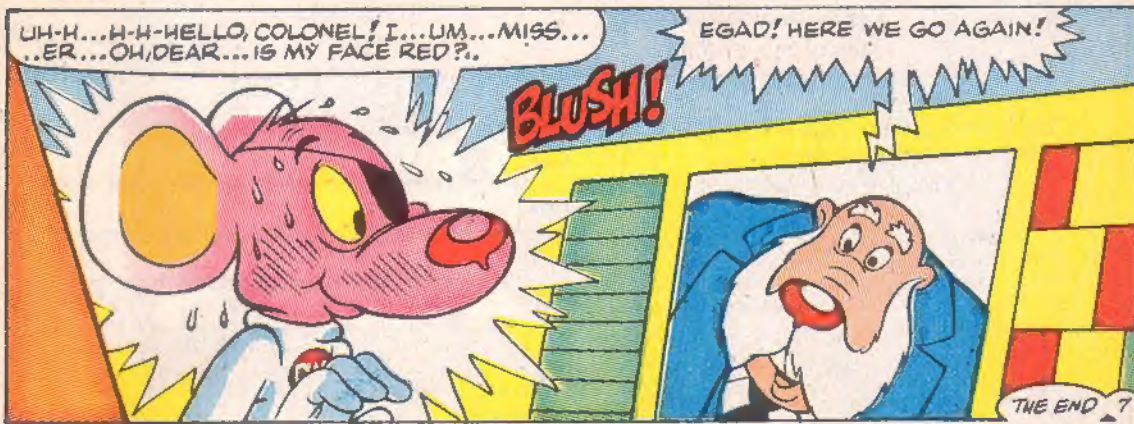
I'LL PUT YOU THROUGH, BIG BOY! C'MON UP AND SEE ME SOMETIME! DON'T SCRATCH YOUR PATCH! TOODLES!

M-M-MISS JALEPENO! N-NOW REALLY!



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THANK YOU, MG. J! YES? WHO IS IT?...HELLO?...



UH-H...H-H-HELLO, COLONEL! I...UM...MISS... ..ER...OH, DEAR...IS MY FACE RED?..

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VROOOM

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SURPRISE, COUNT!



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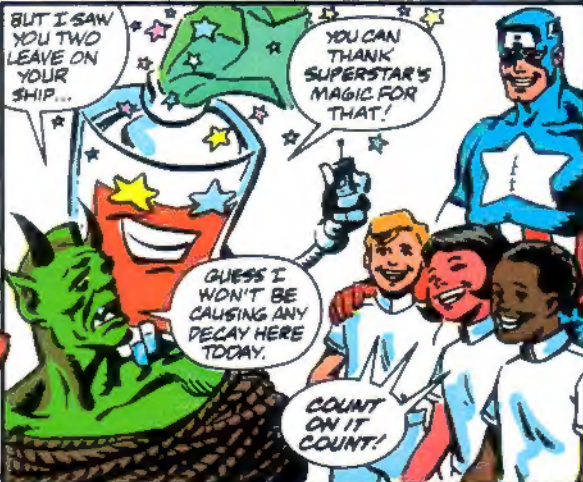


BUT I SAW YOU TWO LEAVE ON YOUR SHIP...

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